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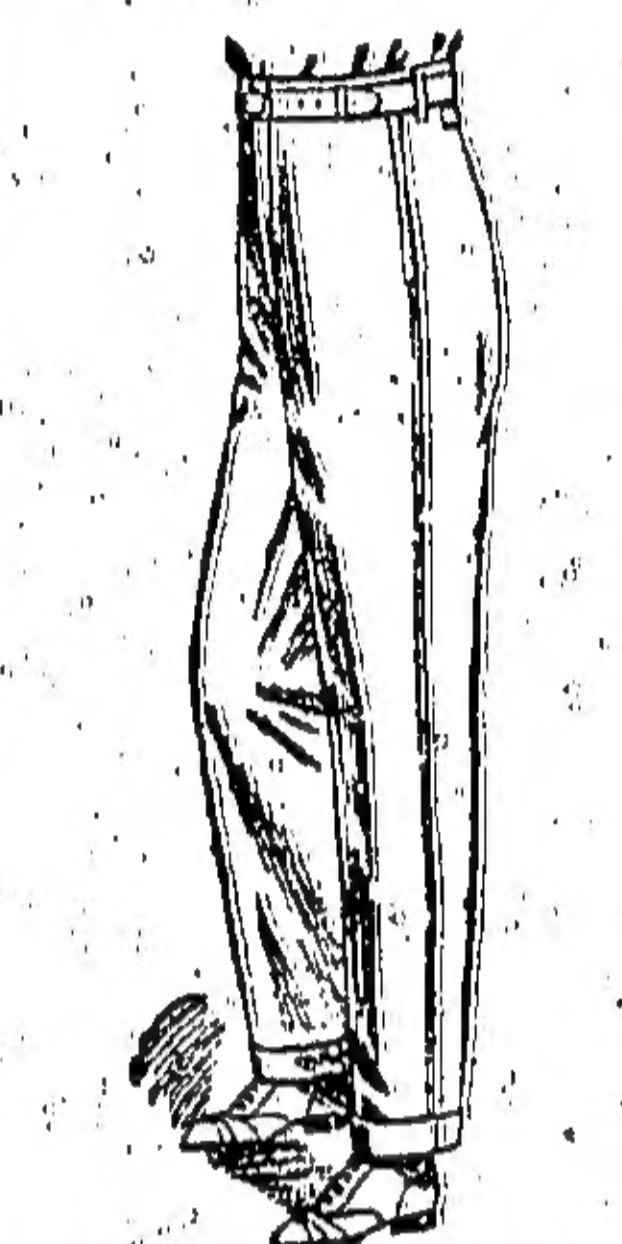
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## YOUR \$10?

BEGGAR WIDOW'S STRANGE  
FORTUNE.

HER GOLD SOVEREIGNS.

Have you lost \$10 in shining gold sovereigns?  
If so, you have a week in which to prove your claim at the Central Police Station.  
A Chinese widow, 67 years of age, was arrested in Pedder Street yesterday, outside Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., by a plain-clothes constable, for begging from a European gentleman who was with two ladies.  
When searched at Central, she had no money whatever, except the \$10 hidden away in her girdle. One of the coins was taken to be changed to provide her bail in the sum of \$10.  
This morning, she denied the charge. Major C. Wilson imposed a fine of \$5. She told his Worship that the fortune was handed to her, for safe keeping, by the godmother of her dead son. His Worship disbelieved her story. He ordered the remaining \$9 to be kept in police custody for a week to see if any applicant would be forthcoming. Otherwise, the woman gets it back, minus the \$5 fine.

## THE "535's"

U.S. SENATE "REFUSES"  
DOLLAR BID.

ADMIRAL LINE BOATS.

Further developments are reported in connection with the ownership of the five Admiral Line ("President") boats—the American "535's"—which call regularly at Hongkong.  
The "Manila Bulletin" of April 21 says:  
Charging that the Shipping Board had failed to open a higher bid than the accepted one of \$4,500,000 made by the Dollar interests, for the five Admiral-Oriental liners operating between Seattle and the Far East, the Senate yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the rejection of the Dollar bid by the Shipping Board.  
The resolution, which was introduced by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, said, "if Dollar obtains the line, the Dollar interests would have a monopoly of the shipping in the Pacific, and that they would operate the line to the detriment of the North-west, as their interests are in California."  
The "United Press" says the Shipping Board has delayed consummation of the sale and is awaiting a ruling from the Department of Justice as to whether the Senate resolution compels the Board to advertise once more for bids. The ruling is expected within the next few days. If the right of the Senate to intervene in the Shipping Board's actions is upheld, the recent decision to accept the Dollar bid becomes null and void.

What The Law Says.  
However, according to Section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1920, as amended in 1922, the Shipping Board is authorised and directed to sell vessels as soon as practicable, consistent with good business methods, at public or private competitive sale after appraisalment and due advertisement, to persons who are citizens of the United States. Such sale shall be made at such prices and on such terms and conditions as the Shipping Board may prescribe.

According to the foregoing the Shipping Board is fully empowered and authorised to sell any liner being operated by the Shipping Board.

The stand taken by the Senate will speed up matters relative to dissolving the Shipping Board and turning over Government ships to the Emergency Fleet Corporation, it is believed.

The Senate has been considering the dissolution of the Shipping Board for some time, and whether or not the sale of the five liners to the Dollar line will be consummated, it is understood that, the Shipping Board soon will be turned over to the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

The Loon Hang Steamship Co., Ltd., will unless cause is shown to the contrary be struck off the register of companies and be dissolved three months hence.

## LEAPS & BOUNDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.'S  
PROSPECTS.

OUR SPENDING POWER.

Hopes were expressed by a shareholder this morning, that when Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. moved into their new premises in Exchange Building, their business would increase by leaps and bounds.

In reviewing last year's activities, the chairman (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland) expressed an opinion that the Colony's spending power had been impaired.

The occasion was the 4th annual ordinary general meeting of the company.

Mr. Cousland was supported by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Chan Tong (directors), Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M. Crawford and Mr. W. A. Eustace (managing directors) and Mr. A. W. Brown (acting secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs.—A. Abbas, D. M. Goodall, H. A. Jones, H. W. Randall, H. E. Scriven, A. Stevenson.

Abnormal Bad Debts.

Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:  
Gentlemen, The report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and I will, therefore, with your permission, take them as read.

The net profit for the year, after making due allowances for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, is \$15,800.45, which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, viz.: \$24,193.93, makes the amount of \$39,994.38 available for distribution. This amount your directors propose should be allocated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share, absorbing \$37,500.00.

And to carry forward to a new account, \$2,494.38.

I trust that this proposal will meet with your approval.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that the comparatively large amount of \$12,487.89 has been written off on account of bad and doubtful debts. This is occasioned largely by reason of the financial stress through which the Colony has passed during the year under review. All due precautions have been taken by the management of the company with regard to accounts, and I think you will agree with me that in such times as these, having regard to the peculiar nature of our business, this figure is not excessive.

When They Move.

Another point which calls for some comment is the amount of depreciation written off. In the very near future we shall move into new premises, and, with this in view, fixtures and fittings have been heavily depreciated, to make allowance for those which will have to be discarded on moving.

On the credit side of the profit and loss account it will be noticed that the comparatively small amount of \$64,040.02 only is brought forward from working account. As compared with last year, this shows a big drop, and is occasioned wholly by the fact that the company was unable to do its usual turnover. It is obvious that the Colony in general has not the same spending power that it has enjoyed in previous years, and in a business like ours such a state of affairs is immediately reflected in our turnover.

This year, no interest from investments appears in our profit and loss account, which brings me to the only point in the balance sheet which requires explanation.

Local Share Values.

You will note amongst the assets the amount of \$420,809.51 under the heading of investments, against which the market quotation is given as \$322,620.00. The discrepancy between the book value of these investments and the market quotation is occasioned by the situation from which we, as well as all other Hongkong companies, are suffering. Your directors have not recommended that these investments be depreciated by reason of the fact that they feel that the market quotation ruling at the end of February last (that being the end of your company's financial year) was only a nominal one, and under prevailing circumstances no fair valuation of such investments can be made. Moreover, the amount shown under general reserve is more than ample to cover the difference mentioned.

Stocks have been estimated at

## WHITE STAR LINE.

CASH OFFER MADE BY BRITISH  
INTERESTS.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 23.

A cash offer for the White Star Line has been received from certain British interests.

It will be considered at a special meeting of the Directors of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation to-day.

cost price and depreciated wherever necessary.

The Dividend.

My predecessor, in his speech last year, when calling attention to the dividend paid, i.e., \$1.25 per share as against \$1.00 in the previous year, mentioned that your directors had recommended that dividend, as they were, of the opinion that (in the absence of any unforeseen adverse circumstances) that figure should be maintained from year to year.

It is with regret that your directors found themselves unable to recommend the same dividend this year, but I think that you will agree with me that adverse circumstances have this year occurred.

With a return to normal trading conditions your directors see no reason why the future of the company should not be as prosperous as it has been in the past. That, gentlemen, I think satisfactorily explains the accounts before you.

Good Service To Public.

During the past year your company has again been able to render exceptional service to the community of Hongkong. In June last, when the strike was at its height, we were successful in dealing with the problem of food supplies for the European population. The new machinery in your bakery thoroughly upheld the opinion which your directors had previously formed of its efficiency, and, in consequence, we were not only able to supply the community of Hongkong (including hospitals), but also care for the wants of Shamen, as well as several small warships which had not their own facilities for bread making.

Groceries and provisions were distributed by your main and Peak stores, and I am happy to inform you that, from several sources, appreciation has been expressed regarding the way in which the distribution was organised.

"More Pleasant" Future.

Our thanks are due to our European staff for the hard work done by them during those times, and also to those of our Chinese staff who loyally worked on in the face of intimidation.

I will now proceed to something which, I venture to feel, is much more pleasant to consider, and that is the company's future. I have previously made reference to the fact that this year we hope to change into new premises. These will be situated in the new Exchange Building, when completed. The change, with its accompaniment of a certain amount of new fixtures and fittings, will, of course, occasion extra capital outlay, but I am able to inform you that your company's cash position, together with its banking facilities, is ample to deal with the financial part of the question without worry to the management.

Best In Far East.

It is early yet for me to give you any idea of what your new store will be like, but I am sure I am correct in informing you that when the move has been accomplished, and the new premises are ready for business, you will own what will probably be the finest departmental store in the Far East.

I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts of the company for the financial year ending February 28, 1926 (including the appropriation recommended by the directors as therein indicated) be presented, be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

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## ELECTION OFF!

SANITARY BOARD VOTERS'  
LISTS.

THE CAUSE FOR DELAY.

"Colonial Secretary's Department

Notices, No. 217.—It is hereby notified that Government Notification No. 204 of 16th April, 1926, concerning the election of a Member of the Sanitary Board is cancelled.

This is all that the current issue of the "Hongkong Government Gazette" says about the cancellation, or postponement, of the election fixed for Monday evening.

On inquiry from the Supreme Court, a "China Mail" reporter was assured that the election would certainly be held, at a later date. The change had been necessary, it is thought, because it has been deemed advisable to prepare a complete list of those entitled to vote.

As is well known, those whose names are on the jurors' list, have the right to vote. Then, of course, there are the exempted persons mentioned in the Ordinance. If a list of these is compiled, then the candidates (Dr. F. M. Grace O'Connor and Dr. S. C. Ho) and everybody else will know exactly who can vote.

However, it may not be known that certain machinery must be created to get up this list of exempted persons—mostly professional men, such as lawyers, schoolmasters, clergymen, journalists, &c. As far as can be seen, there are two processes.

One is for a Government official to be named to get up his list. The other would be for exempted persons, who wish to exercise their right to vote, to register their names at a fixed date prior to the election.

An excellent legal authority expressed the opinion that, even to do this, legislation was necessary, that is, legislation either by an Ordinance which would have to be passed by the Legislative Council, or by a Regulation by the Governor-in-Council.

Obviously, the latter method would be the simplest. No official pronouncement has been made. The matter is under consideration. As the first election has been disregarded, and the second has been postponed, it is anticipated that a decision will be come to soon.

Should it be decided that exempted persons be given up to a date to register their names, the two lists will then be ready by that fixed date, and the election can follow after a certain interval.

## BRIBERY CHARGE.

SIKH POLICE CONSTABLE  
ARRESTED.

MARKED COIN STORY.

Complaints having been made to the Police that a Sikh constable, Natha Singh, had been demanding bribes, a trap was set.

A marked ten cent piece was given to one of the hawkers in Ice House Street where the constable was on duty, said Captain H. F. Bloxham, A.S.P., when prosecuting before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. As defendant came off duty, he was arrested by Detective Sergeant Nolloth. When searched before an inspector, the marked coin was found inside the Sikh's puggaree, said Captain Bloxham.

There was an alternative charge to that of receiving a bribe of misconduct as a police officer.

The case was put back till Monday on the application of the prosecution.

## STREET ACCIDENTS.

While working in a sling, on painting work at Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, a workman fell and received lacerated injuries to the head.

A Chinese is believed to have jumped from the first floor of No. 1a, Wing Sing Street, during an opium raid. He fractured his arm.

Getting off a tram at Praya East, while the car was in motion, a Chinese was also injured.

These incidents all occurred yesterday, the men concerned being all removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Percival Stephens Page and Messrs. White, Page and Co. are declared by the Registrar of Companies to be qualified as auditors under the Companies Ordinances 1911 and 1925.

## FAIRLY ACTIVE.

REVIEW OF LOCAL SHARE  
MARKET.

PRICES WELL MAINTAINED.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's

weekly share report states:—  
We have had a fairly active market during the week, under review, prices on most stocks being well maintained.

Shanghai market remains unchanged.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks.—Have had a rise and a large number of shares changed hands at \$1.105/1.115.

Unions.—Have buyers at \$284 with few if any sellers.

Canton Insurances and Hongkong Fires.—Are firm at quotations.

Hotels.—Have come to business at \$9 1/4 and more shares are wanted at this price.

Electrics.—Have been in great demand and a large number of shares changed hands at \$63 1/2/65 for Cash. There have also been sales for June, at \$66 1/2.

Trams.—Are wanted at \$24.80.

China Sugars.—Are still in demand at \$27 without attracting sellers.

China Lights.—Have come to business at \$20 for the Combined shares and close with buyers at this price. Buyers offering \$15 for the Old and \$11 for the New.

Steamboats.—Changed hands at \$27.

Lands.—Have had a slight decline, and could be had at \$64 1/2.

Humphreys.—Are firm at quotations.

Cements.—Are quiet at quotations.

Wharves.—Are wanted at \$128 1/2, sales having been effected at this price.

Hongkong Docks.—Remain unchanged.

Star Ferries.—Have come to business at \$82 for Cash and \$84 for June.

Dairy Farms.—Are quiet at quotations.

London Quotations of the 22nd inst.—Banks 2125, Indos Deferred \$5.10, Shells 24 1/2s. 6d. All middle prices.

Exchange.—Demand rate on London is 2/2 3/16, and T/T on Shanghai is 1/1s. 7/16.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, April 27.

## DOGS ORDINANCE.

REGULATION REVISED BY  
GOVERNMENT.

The following regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, Ordinance No. 6 of 1893, on April 22 is published in the Government "Gazette."

Paragraph (b) of regulation No. 1 of the regulations published on pages 155-157 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1844-1925, under the heading "Quarantine," is amended by the deletion of the first line of the said paragraph and by the insertion in place thereof of the words "Quarantine permit" means a permit by the."

[The amended regulation would be made clearer to the general public if the original amendment had been published simultaneously. As it is the amended regulation cannot convey anything to the owners of dogs, unless they have a copy of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1844-1925.]

## ROYAL ASSENT.

TWO LOCAL ORDINANCES  
APPROVED.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 5 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in Hongkong.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1926.—An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 5/16.

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## CANTON PRODUCTS.

TO BE AT PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION.

## CHINESE PARTICIPATION.

On Tuesday, the Canton General Chamber of Commerce invited the members of the various associated Chambers of Commerce, and of the Home Products Promotion Association to a joint meeting to discuss the matter of collecting exhibits from the various lines of business for display at the coming Exhibition in Philadelphia.

Over twenty members of the above-mentioned organisations were present.

Mr. Ma Pak-nin of the General Chamber of Commerce presided. Explaining the object of the meeting, he said:—

The date for the Exhibition in Philadelphia has been fixed for June 1. It is well-known that our people in Kwangtung province have ever been enthusiastic in sending manufactures for exhibit at any Exhibition in any part of the world.

The Philadelphia Exhibition authorities have written to request participation.

At present the time is so limited that Canton must find ways to make a collection of the manufactures in the shortest possible time, in order to send same to Shanghai where all exhibits will be forwarded to America.

Resolutions were passed that the General Chamber of Commerce should inform merchants desirous of sending articles for exhibition, to make a list of the manufactures within a definite time, in order that same might be gathered and forwarded to Shanghai; that the General Chamber of Commerce should look after affairs in connection with the Customs exemption from payment of duties, and the date for the shipping of the goods; and that letters should be sent to the Superintendent of Customs and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, asking them to exempt duties on the article sent for exhibition in accordance with the regulations. It was also stated that the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. had promised to reduce the rate of freight for same. The ivory, embroidery and woolen goods dealers have already prepared large quantities of articles for exhibit at the Exhibition.

## MARSHAL FOCH.

REFUSES DICTATORSHIP IN FRANCE.

## SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

London, March 23. According to some London reports a group of Senators, belonging to the Right Wing of the French Senate, visited Marshal Foch, and sounded him on his willingness to become dictator.

It is understood that Marshal Foch intimated that, having fought the War, he did not want to fight the peace.

The "Matin" significantly remarked: "People in this country are not panic-stricken, but they are becoming tired of political tricksters. They are straining their eyes trying to find a man to lead them out from the present chaos."—"Times of Ceylon."

## WORLD FLIERS.

SPANISH AVIATORS FOR CANTON?

According to a message received by the Canton Bureau of Foreign Affairs from the Spanish Consul at Shanghai, it is stated that the Spanish aviators will go to Canton from Manila. The Spanish Consul requested the Nationalist Government to assign it places for their landing and also to supply them with gasoline.

The Nationalist Government upon receiving the above information from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, ordered that proper courtesy and a hearty welcome be given to the Spanish aviators.



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## A MILLION CATS!

AMUSING GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME.

## CIRCULARS TO FAR EAST.

The law of perpetual motion has been solved, or rather a self-contained unit may possibly function without end, if the following letter may be taken as a criterion.

Salisbury Buildings

London, E. C. 2,

March 3, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Having been informed that you are interested and open for a deal in a live business proposition I take the liberty of presenting to you what seems to me a most wonderful business, in which, no doubt, you will take a live interest and perhaps advise me by return the amount of stock you wish to subscribe towards the formation of the company.

The object of the company is to operate a large cat ranch near Manchester where land can be purchased cheaply for the purpose.

To start with we want a million cats. Each will average about 12 kittens per year; the skins run from 6d. each for the white ones to 2/6d. for the pure black ones. This will give us 12,000,000 skins per year to sell at an average price of 1/6d. each making our revenue \$2,500 per day.

A man can skin about 60 cats per day at 5s. per day wage and it will take 120 men to operate the ranch, therefore the net profit will be \$2,470 per day.

We feed the cats on rats and start a rat ranch. The rats multiply four times as fast as the cats, so that if we start with a million rats we shall have four rats per cat each day, then we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have already been taken, giving each rat one quarter of a cat.

It will thus be seen that the business will be self acting and automatic throughout. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats and we shall have the skins.

Awaiting your prompt reply, and trusting you will appreciate the opportunity to get rich quickly.

Yours faithfully,

Manager.

P.S.—Eventually we shall cross the cats with snakes and they will skin themselves twice a year, thus saving the men's wages for skinning and also getting two skins from one cat.

The letter, a proper catch, seems to emanate from London.

Needless to say, says the "N. C. Daily News," 10 or 20 years ago a group of bankers in a Pacific Northwest city, during a period of wild catting and stock-selling, unheard of before in the vicinity, prepared a circular on just the same plan. Worded it a little more conservatively, with less detail, the bankers broadcast it through the city, posted huge placards on the streets and advertised in the daily press. The response was enormous—sedate financiers, dignified clergy, glib school-mistresses and labourers came in answer to the call. Chagrined a week later, many were cured of the desire to make easy money.

## CHANGSHA RIOT.

DAMAGES TO BE PAID AND GUILTY PUNISHED.

Hankow, April 9. Advice from Changsha reports that in connection with the outrage committed by Chinese mobs who attacked the Japanese Consulate at Changsha on March 25, and damaged the building, the Hunan Provincial authorities sent a reply Note to the Japanese Consulate on the 3rd instant, expressing deep regret.

The apology states:—

(1) The authorities of Hunan province will make an apology to the Japanese Consulate.

(2) The rioters will be severely dealt with.

(3) Damages done to the Consulate building will be refunded.

(4) Measures will be taken so as to prevent recurrence of the incident.—"Eastern News Agency"

## REFUGEE IN IRAQ.

LEADER OF REBELLION AGAINST TURKS.

Bagdad, March 29. Hatodo, who is reputed to be the leader of the new rebellion against the Turks in Kurdistan, has sent a communication to the Iraq Government praying for refuge for himself and 250 of his followers.

The present whereabouts of Hatodo is not known. He has not crossed the Iraq frontier.

## SOVIET INFLUENCE.

REAL DANGER EXPOSED IN MANCHURIA.

## EX-GOVERNOR'S ADVICE.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" writes on March 25:

"Manchuria should keep aloof from the military imbroglio of the rest of China; but should otherwise remain closely connected with the Peking Government; that is, so long as Peking is not swayed by Soviet influence. Manchuria must combat Communism and other Soviet propaganda, but, above all, the Three Eastern Provinces should devote their energies first and foremost to the building of their industries."

This is, in brief, the stand of Wang Yung-chiang, until a few weeks ago Civil Governor of Feng-tien province. Wang is now in retirement, in his native town of Chinchow, a small walled city north of Dairen, and there, it seems, he intends to remain until his principles are recognised.

Opposes War.

Wang has taken a prominent part in public life in Manchuria during the past twenty years, and held the post of Civil Governor for five years. He has shown outstanding ability as a civil administrator and economist, standing firmly for the principle that the welfare of the people of Manchuria must be the first consideration of the Mukden administration. He opposes war as being contrary to the interests of the people and a hindrance to peaceful development. It was because of this that he clashed with the military faction in Mukden, and his opposition to the sending of troops south of the wall led him to resign from office. He speaks well of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, but apparently he regards it as useless to attempt to develop Manchuria so long as the military faction intends to drain the resources of the provinces by carrying on campaigns beyond the Manchurian boundaries.

The people of Manchuria, therefore, regard Wang Yung-chiang as something more than a mere individual character; they regard him largely as the manifestation of the principle of peaceful development. If he remains in retirement, it is felt, there may be but little hope of Manchuria's remaining aloof from war and the consequences thereof, whereas, on the other hand, his return to office will be regarded as a token that the Mukden administration intends to embark on an era of peace.

Wang Yung-chiang owes his excellent reputation not only to his ability, but also to his honesty. In the first place, it is rather unusual for a Chinese to give up high office for the mere sake of such a trifling thing as a principle; in the second place, Wang retires without having made money.

Manchurian Independence.

The ex-Governor is a man of about 54, of medium stature, with a long drooping moustache and kindly, intelligent eyes. He answers questions quickly and directly, without circumlocution. "I do not believe in the independence of Manchuria," he told a foreigner. "Manchuria must be closely connected with the rest of China. It must carry out the decrees of the Peking Government, though, of course, where that government is tinged with Soviet ideas, Manchuria cannot obey such decrees as show such influence."

"The Three Eastern Provinces should hold aloof from the fighting in the rest of China. The wishes of the people and their welfare should be the guiding principles in their government. The people want to carry out the peaceful development of Manchuria so that they may attain prosperity. They are averse to war, and for that reason Manchuria should refrain from sending troops south of the Wall."

"The danger which Manchuria must guard against is that represented by Soviet Russia and its influences. Russia is now handling the Chinese Eastern Railway as if it belonged entirely to her, as if the Chinese were not part owners. The question as to how this may be counteracted was outside my province. It belongs to the jurisdiction of the Kirin Provincial Government. But the question of Soviet propaganda concerns all Manchuria. It is being spread about in two channels, through the soldiers and through the poor classes. I do not believe that there is any danger of military invasion on the part of Russia now or for the next two or three years; but I fear that after that such a danger will exist."

MEN AND THEIR ALLEGIANCE.

Wang Yung-chiang, being a wise man, refrains from essaying prophecies with respect to the development of the political and



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the military situation in China. He is, however, not averse to give his opinions with respect to some of the leaders involved. Li Ching-shan is now friendly to Chang, he states, but it is a question how long he will remain so, especially if he gains in power. Wu Pei-fu is now receiving assistance from a number of military leaders, but, in Wang's opinion, many of these are using him merely to further their schemes of their own. Their loyalty is questionable and as a consequence the influence of Wu is a doubtful quantity, and while Wu is now on friendly terms with Chang Tso-lin, it is a question whether he will remain so when they cease to have common interests to bind them together. About Feng Yu-shiang, it is impossible to say anything, least of all whether it might be possible that he and Chang might ever patch up their differences.

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At this week's public meeting of The Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanpart gave an address on "The Inner Government of the World." He said in brief: The facts as to an Inner Government of the World have been long kept as the most precious secrets in the Ancient Mysteries, but with the progress of evolution and the opportunities of a swifter evolution now dawning for men in the approaching new cycle which shall bring out more the powers of the intellect—that which was once hidden is now revealed, that it may call forth in the few a new insight into life and give them the guidance and right direction in their determination to give their hearts and souls into the work of furthering "God's plan, which is Evolution." To many this revelation will mean nothing at all because they have not yet reached that point in evolution where they have need and use for it. It is for those only who long to understand in order to justify to the brain the faith which is in their hearts, that a great body of occult knowledge has been revealed to men through the medium of The Theosophical Society. The whole of our Solar system and all it contains is the Self-revelation of the Creator through His Great Minister, the Great Spiritual Being Who is at the Head of It. It is His Life that reveals itself stage by stage and that forms all forms of life and consciousness. An Atom as well as the gigantic Mountain Chain contains His Life, which is revealed through all, but more of His Life is revealed in our Elder Brothers, the Superhuman Guardians of Humanity Who have attained, than in us still bound by the forces of ignorance and illusion. Still, all of us men being embodiments of His Life, we reveal Him more fully than our younger brothers of the Animal creation. In exactly similar way, there are Beings higher than man who reveal still more of His Life than can man, and it is They who form the Inner Government of the World: Their existence is confirmed in all the religions of the world, and by those who are able to certify this through the awakened powers of the Spirit within, these great ones are called variously, the Occult Hierarchy of the World, the Great White Brotherhood, the Community of Saints, etc. Each globe within the Solar System is guided and watched over by a group of these Great Spiritual Beings, through Whom as through His Ministers the forces of the Ruler of our Solar System flow.

This Group of Supermen in whom the greater Powers of Divinity have become manifest, constitute the Hierarchy of our globe, and they are not merely an association of Supermen but are a living Body which contains the Life-energies of the Spiritual Ruler of our whole Solar System. Within this Spiritual Hierarchy of our World there are certain grades marked by ten Great Initiations of which four are within the human Kingdom, the 5th being that of the Master of Wisdom, which rises the Initiate from the Human to the Superhuman Evolution beyond death and birth. This existence of perfected men is one of the most distinctive and also, one of the most encouraging teachings of Theosophy. The attainment of perfection is a possibility which is certainly lying before every man in the course of his evolution; even to-day and at any given point he may turn his attention to that evolution of his and may hasten it very greatly if he will take it intelligently in hand. Men stand to-day on all rungs of the evolutionary ladder, and this process of evolution does not stop with man. There is a topmost stage which man as a human being can reach in evolution, and there exists a small body of men of all nations who have reached it and even passed beyond it, having entered upon the higher stage of superhuman evolution. They are no longer forced into any incarnation, having learned all the world can teach them. If they take a body it is for the purpose of helping humanity and they take that body where and when they please. In

them the Will has realised itself as part of the Divine Will which is evolving the worlds to grander, higher levels and they live but to accomplish the Great Plan of the Creator. It is They who are the true Rulers of the World, the Power that maketh for righteousness. It is They who are at the back of all the Great Civilisations, all the great religions. They are ever at work to bring human wills into consonance with the divine by helping them, by holding before them mighty ideals. It is possible to every one of us by study, of the Divine Wisdom by thought, by meditation, by self-sacrifice, through selfless activity to clear our innermost sufficiently to have a vision of the Great Divine Plan for human life; and if one has caught a glimpse of that Plan then one will realise that there is nothing else worth living for in life save to co-operate with that Plan because it is so glorious. One then will realise that it is worth while to live in happiness or in sorrow, if one can only make the world a little better. One then will realise that the object of human life is to bring the will of the individual into accord with the Will of the Highest, and having brought that will into accord, then to work to carry it out among men, for knowledge that bears no fruit in action is useless to humanity and there can be no lasting happiness and peace except by willingly and intelligently co-operating with the Creator in us and in our Brother Man, in His Great Scheme of Love.

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"KALYAN"	8,114	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	10,903	14th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAURITIA"	11,089	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,114	15th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASGAR"	9,003	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"SHIRAZA"	8,958	4th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"TANJA"	10,941	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	1st June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	8th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	15th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	22nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	29th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	13th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	20th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	27th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	10th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	17th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	24th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	14th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	21st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,114	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASGAR"	9,003	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

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### DEATHS.

SUTTY.—Madame Juvenel Dites  
Jeanne Sully died at the  
Matilda Hospital to-day,  
(April 24). Funeral will pass  
the "Monument to-morrow,"  
(Sunday) at 4 p.m.  
MITCHELL.—At Grange Mis-  
sionary Home, Colombo, on  
April 8, Miss Mary Mitchell,  
in her 89th year, after a short  
illness.

Hongkong, Saturday, April 24, 1926.

### A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

In the realm of news there is  
either a flood or a famine.  
Following several colourless weeks  
has come a welcome influx of hap-  
penings, both local and other-  
wise. In Hongkong pride of place  
may pardonably be given to the  
opening of the handsome new  
building in Queen's Road  
for the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, at  
which the French Consul spoke in  
optimistic terms of the commer-  
cial future of the Colony and of  
the happy relations always exist-  
ing between the French and Brit-  
ish peoples. The scandalous con-  
ditions prevailing at the beach at  
Repulse Bay once again came into  
prominence, both at the Sanitary  
Board and the Legislative Coun-  
cil, as a result of which it is to be  
trusted that the eyesores will  
vanish and some effort made to  
emulate the popular holiday re-  
sorts at Home and on the Con-  
tinent. That much remains to be  
done in the way of proper sanita-  
tion for the entire Colony was  
also revealed at the Sanitary  
Board meeting, it being disclosed  
that many of the outlying villages  
are outside the pale of the law in  
public health matters. They  
neither know the law nor have  
they so far been required to  
observe it. A Committee is to be  
appointed to examine the problem,  
and its report should be of con-  
siderable interest when it is com-  
piled and laid on the table at the  
Sanitary Board meeting. An  
eviction on a mild scale has been  
carried out at Wong-ai-chong,  
where villagers whose forbears  
have been there for three cen-  
turies have had to find homes else-  
where. The Legislative Council  
meeting was not exactly note-  
worthy, the usual large number  
of supplemental votes only reveal-  
ing the utter uselessness of the  
Budget owing to the lack of a  
real disaster to regulate the an-

penditure of the various spending  
Departments. The Hon. Mr.  
D. G. M. Bernard took the oath  
and his seat in the place of the  
Hon. Mr. Holyoak, who has gone  
Home on leave. As the outcome  
of questions asked on behalf of  
the latter gentleman the Govern-  
ment intimated its intention to  
appoint a Committee of Enquiry  
into the Fire Brigade, the per-  
sonnel of which will be awaited  
with interest. The Government,  
however, prefers to leave to pri-  
vate enterprise the agricultural  
development of the New Terri-  
tories, whilst at the same time  
placing its officers at the disposal  
of anyone concerned in such de-  
velopment. The Colony received  
the news with regret during the  
week of the passing away at  
Home of a real Irish gentleman  
in the person of Lady Blake,  
widow of a former Governor of  
Hongkong. On St. George's Day  
the usual wreath was laid on the  
Centaph on behalf of the English  
community, who celebrated their  
Patron Saint's Day with a concert  
in the Theatre Royal. Owing to  
inclement weather the annual in-  
spection of the Police Force was  
again postponed, but there was  
published a list of awards, which  
included the King's Police Medal  
to Mr. W. G. Gerrard, Assistant  
Superintendent of Police; whilst  
amongst those who received the  
Governor's commendation for  
valuable services were Chief  
Inspector Kent and Inspectors  
Bond and Pincott. On St.  
George's Day the East Surrey  
Regiment held a memorable  
parade when a set of silver drums  
was solemnly blessed, these being  
presented to the regiment by the  
mother of Second Lieutenant  
Walker, who died at Agaz in 1895.  
The ceremony of presentation of  
the drums coincided with the  
anniversary of the second battle  
of Ypres, in which the East Sur-  
reys behaved with great gallantry.  
A pleasing incident in connection  
with the parade was the presenta-  
tion of the Long Service and Good  
Conduct Medal to Sergeant  
Drummer French. Two Company  
meetings were held during the  
week and in both was a consid-  
erable loss shown. The China  
Sugar Refinery Company disclosed  
a loss on the year of \$1,471,800,  
and the Simplex Plaster Company  
also experienced a bad year,  
mainly due to the depressed trade  
of the Colony. In sporting mat-  
ters the semi-annual yacht race  
for the Trevelva Trophy was  
raced on Wednesday, this being  
won by the Tjeldstrand, a Dutch-  
owned craft. On the same day  
the replayed final for the Shield  
was played by the football teams  
of the East Surreys and the Kow-  
loon F.C., the latter emerging  
victorious after extra time by  
three goals to two.

At Home the great event of the  
week has been the birth of a  
daughter to H.R.H. the Duchess  
of York, the news of which was  
conveyed to the King and Queen  
at Windsor Castle at three o'clock  
on the morning. The coal crisis  
has seriously engaged the atten-  
tion of the Prime Minister, the  
conferences between the owners  
and miners having resulted in a  
deadlock. Meanwhile it is an-  
nounced that the Mines Depart-

ment has prepared a scheme for  
a Government loan to the industry  
conditional on its reorganisation  
and the closing of uneconomic  
pits. A strike is threatened  
among the London engineers on  
the question of wages, a ballot  
being now taken which closes on  
May 31. Lord Reading has re-  
ceived a great welcome on his  
return Home after relinquishing  
the post of Viceroy of India, when  
His Majesty conferred on him a  
Marquise of the United King-  
dom.

In the world of aviation the  
Royal Air Force has lost two keen  
officers through a crash in Palest-  
ine, the victims being Squadron  
Leader Tweedie, a son of Mrs.  
Alec Tweedie, the famous writer,  
and Flight Lieutenant Wallace.  
After being missing for some  
days Captain Estevez, the Spanish  
airman, and his mechanic have  
been found by British airmen, and  
are returning to Madrid. Their  
two comrades are now in Bangkok  
and may be in Hongkong next  
week. The Danish airman, Lieut.  
Botved, has arrived at Shanghai  
after an uneventful experience at  
the hands of Chinese at Ninghal.

India has been disturbed dur-  
ing the week by a renewal of  
racial feuds and strike troubles at  
the jute mills. The Moroccan  
peace parleys have broken down,  
and the delegates have left to re-  
port to their respective Govern-  
ments. The United States Senate  
has adopted the Italian debt set-  
tlement scheme after many  
months' delay. Siam, China, and  
Persia are prominent in a "drive"  
to secure representation, tempo-  
rary or permanent, on the  
Council of the League of Nations.  
The French Budget has at length  
been adopted, thus closing a long  
series of financial crises.  
America has formally declined to  
be represented at the conference  
on the World Court at Geneva to  
discuss America's reservations  
regarding her adherence.

Affairs in Northern China have  
been developing rapidly and the  
forces of Chang Tso-lin and Wu  
Pei-fu are in full control of Pek-  
ing. The former President Tso  
Kun is resuming office temporarily,  
but will shortly hand over to  
Mr. W. W. Yen as Premier of a  
responsible Cabinet. The Mukden  
War-Lord has issued a distinct  
warning to Moscow to remove  
that notorious Bolshevik, Karak-  
han, whose protection will not be  
guaranteed under international  
law. How far these develop-  
ments in the North will affect the  
Canton situation remains to be  
seen.

### PROMENADES.

Dr. Koch presents a not un-  
fanciful picture of Repulse Bay as  
it might be. It was the present  
writer who described Repulse Bay  
beach as a "slum" to be followed  
by Dr. Koch who drew compar-  
isons with Malayan and Philip-  
pine villages. His suggestion is  
to be encouraged. Repulse Bay  
with a promenade, kiosks, seats,  
band-stand, etc., is "altogether  
lovely." The Mentone of the  
East is now a possibility—prob-  
ability indeed. This question of  
promenades "intrigues" us. We  
may safely call ourselves the  
pioneers of promenades—the  
voice calling in the wilderness of  
bleak prays, and mediocre water-  
fronts. We have urged that the  
Praya East Reclamation should  
include a promenade in its scheme.  
We certainly said that Kowloon  
deserved one. Think of the hot  
season and the airlessness of  
things when there is "nowhere to  
go." A promenade would solve a  
lot of our summer problems. At  
the moment Wanchai is thick with  
smells. A promenade by the  
water's brim would be a prome-  
nade only to some people, but to  
quite a lot it would be a haven of  
refuge of light and shade and  
coolth. There is an opportunity  
here for someone. A promenade  
for Repulse Bay by all means.  
Persons for Hongkong and Kow-  
loon.

### LEAPS & BOUNDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

#### Second's Speech.

Mr. A. Stevenson said that he had  
much pleasure in seconding. The  
results had been regrettable but  
that could not be helped in view  
of the abnormal conditions. He  
had the greatest confidence in the  
management, said Mr. Stevenson,  
and when they moved into their  
new premises, he felt that their  
business would increase by leaps  
and bounds.

No question was put and the  
motion was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the  
meeting comprised—

"Re-election of Mr. M. Manuk, the  
retiring director—proposed by Mr.  
H. A. Jones, seconded by Mr. D. M.  
Goodall.

Election of Messrs. Linstead and  
Davis, as auditors for the current  
year at a fee of \$1,250—proposed  
by Mr. H. B. Scriven, seconded by  
Mr. A. Stevenson.

The chairman announced that  
dividend warrants could be obtain-  
ed, on application, on Monday, at  
the company's office, Royal Build-  
ing.

### TYPHOON SEASON.

WHERE LOCAL SIGNALS ARE  
HOISTED.

#### HONGKONG WARNINGS.

To save needless inquiries dur-  
ing the typhoon season, residents  
should note the list below.

Which is the typhoon season?—  
one may ask. It is very difficult  
to lay down any definite period but  
a rhyme by local mariners of two  
decades ago may not be far out.  
It runs:—

June, too soon.  
July, stand by.  
August, can't trust.  
September, bad weather.  
October, not over.  
November, remember.

The day signals of the local Ob-  
servatory's code are displayed at  
the following stations:—

Royal Observatory, H.M.S.  
"Tamar," Gough Hill, Standard Oil  
Co., Lai-Chi-Kok, Harbour Office,  
Green Island, Hongkong and Kow-  
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Kow-  
loon, Field Officer's quarters,  
Lyemum.

The night signals are displayed at  
sunset, at the following stations:—  
Royal Observatory, Harbour  
Office, Railway Station, H.M.S.  
"Tamar," Gough Hill.

and have the same significance as  
the day signals.

A translation of both day and  
night signals is displayed at the  
General Post Office and at the upper  
tram station.

When local signals are displayed  
in the harbour, a cone is exhibited  
at the following stations:—

Gap Rock, Waglan, Stanley  
Aberdeen, Shau-ki-wan, Sai Kung,  
Sha-tau-kok, Taipei.

### CHINESE FILMS.

HONGKONG MAN IN CHARGE  
IN SHANGHAI.

After more than six years of  
continuous service in China as  
representative of the Universal  
Pictures Corporation, the big  
American movie producers, Mr.  
Norman Westwood, pioneer of  
American film men in the Orient,  
left Shanghai on the "President  
Cleveland" on April 15, for a  
six months' combined vacation  
and business trip to America.

Mr. Westwood established the  
Universal bureau in Shanghai  
and has been in charge ever since  
its institution, building up a  
business that has brought many  
thousands of dollars to his em-  
ployers, and provided several  
million people with high-class,  
clean entertainment.

While in the United States, Mr.  
Westwood will personally view all  
the latest Universal super-features  
at Universal City, selecting the  
best for future presentation in  
China, and will confer with Mr.  
Carl Laemmle, President of the or-  
ganisation. He hopes that Mr.  
Laemmle may be persuaded to en-  
ter the production field in China,  
turning out really high-class  
Chinese films under the supervi-  
sion of one of his famous directors.

"The motion picture industry  
in China is just in its infancy,"  
Mr. Westwood declares, "and I  
believe that it has a really bright  
future, provided that proper  
financing and direction can be  
obtained."

### WINGS CLIPPED.

CONTROL OF "SHYLOCKS" IN  
BRITAIN.

LENDERS' OBLIGATIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

The House of Commons to-day  
passed the second reading of a  
private Bill introduced by Major  
R. G. L. Glyn, (Conservative,  
Aldington) which has for its object  
the control of money lenders.

The Bill provides that money  
lenders shall have to obtain  
licences, which will only be grant-  
ed upon the submission of certi-  
ficates fulfilling certain qualifica-  
tions.

No contract will be binding un-  
less it is in writing and is worded  
in plain English as distinguished  
from legal language, and a copy of  
the contract must be supplied to the  
borrower.

Forty-eight per cent. is laid  
down as the rate of interest for  
loans, but this is not intended to  
be the maximum, but merely a  
general guide to Courts of law.

Long Needed.  
Sir William Joynton Hicks, the  
Secretary of State for Home Affairs,  
announced during the debate that  
the Government would give gen-  
eral support to the Bill, which it  
regarded as a measure that had  
long been needed.

### THORNY PROBLEM.

INDIANS IN SOUTH  
AFRICA.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, April 23.

In the Assembly Dr. Malan,  
Minister of the Interior, announced  
that as a result of conversations  
between the Union Cabinet and the  
Government of India Deputation,  
which recently visited Capetown, a  
formula had been agreed on which  
would form the basis and deter-  
mine the nature of a round-table  
conference at which a serious and  
honest attempt would be made to  
arrive at an effective and amicable  
solution of the Indian problem.

The formula insured the co-op-  
eration of the two Governments in  
exploring all possible methods of  
settling the question on the basis  
of the maintenance of Western  
standards of life by just and legiti-  
mate means.

The conference's proposals will  
be subject to confirmation by the  
South African and Indian Govern-  
ments.

In the meantime the proposed  
Asiatic Legislation will not be pro-  
ceeded with.  
Dr. Malan expressed satisfaction  
that the matter had been dealt with  
as solely concerning South Africa  
and India.

### OIL DEAL.

REPORT BY STANDARD OIL  
PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 23.

Mr. Walter Teagle, President of  
the Standard Oil Company of New  
Jersey, arrived on board the Maure-  
tania. He stated that American  
oil interests had concluded negotia-  
tions in London with the Franco-  
British-Dutch group who have the  
controlling interest in the Turkish  
Petroleum Company for acquiring  
an interest in that concern.

### ECHO OF 1918.

GALLANT MEN WHO FELL  
AT ZEEBRUGGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

The members of the Zeebrugge  
Association this morning placed a  
wreath on the Centaph in memory  
of the men who fell in action at  
Zeebrugge eight years ago.

### I.L.O.

WHAT THE 1927 BUDGET  
REVEALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, April 23.

The 1927 Budget of the Inter-  
national Labour Office shows a re-  
duction in expenditure of 48,000  
francs compared with 1926.

That was not a small sum,  
said the I.L.O. Secretary, who  
pointed out that the other  
part of the work of the I.L.O.  
was not a small sum either.

## COAL CRISIS.

SCHEME FOR GOVERNMENT LOAN.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.

It is announced that the Mines Department has prepared a scheme for a Government loan to the coal industry conditional on the reorganisation thereof and the closing of uneconomic pits.

BETTER SPIRIT.

Mr. Baldwin Speaks Out.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

Although no definite progress was made at the Prime Minister's Conference this morning with the leaders of the coal owners and the miners Mr. Baldwin succeeded in introducing a better spirit into the proceedings, and at his suggestion sub-committees of each side were appointed to continue the negotiations.

Mr. Baldwin told the coal owners and the miners that he was there representing neither side, but was representing the country, which was a very much bigger thing than either. Another fact to be remembered was that whether a stoppage occurred or not the parties would have to negotiate at some time, but negotiations after a stoppage were not necessarily easier than before and every one was in a worse pecuniary position.

Tight Knot.

After regretting that a deadlock had been reached Mr. Baldwin called on Mr. Evan Williams to state the reasons for the deadlock from the coal owners' point of view and asked Mr. Herbert Smith to state the reasons from the miners' standpoint.

Having heard their respective statements, the Prime Minister said:

"I think it is quite plain that at the moment you have tied yourselves up into a pretty tight knot. What I have got to try to do is to get that knot untied or cut. Now, from my point of view it is perfectly impossible in an assembly of this size to make any steps toward solving that knot, and I am going to ask each side if they will be good enough to retire and select a small number who will come and talk with me. I should be very glad if those small bodies of representatives would keep themselves at my disposal, and I shall be very glad to begin this afternoon talking to them to see what way there is of getting over the first stile which has presented itself to-day and possibly discuss to such a point that it may be necessary for us all to meet again."

Time of Value.

The Prime Minister concluded by reminding the delegates that the subsidy to the coal industry would expire at the end of the month. Time was, therefore, of value.

Sub-committees of the coal owners and miners, each consisting of nine members, met. The Prime Minister separately during the afternoon.

FINDING A COMPROMISE.

Question of National Agreement.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.

It is understood that Mr. Baldwin during the negotiations with the miners and owners again emphasised that there would be no subsidy, other districts free houses are promised if the negotiations reach a satisfactory stage by May 1 will be rigidly limited.

The difficulties of finding a compromise between the owners' demand for district wages agreements and the miner's insistence on a national agreement are illustrated by the fact that the miners in some districts receive free coal, and in other districts free houses are provided for married miners.

It is understood that the Prime Minister made certain suggestions to the owners in regard to a national agreement.

It is stated that the owners have returned to their districts with the object of discussing the possibility of resuming negotiations on the basis of a national agreement, and a national minimum.

The miners are of opinion that if the owners are prepared to concede the principle of a national minimum, however small, the negotiations could continue on a more hopeful footing.

Well informed quarters are at present pessimistic in view of the announcement that a conference of the Executives of the Trade Unions and the Affiliated Trade Union Congress will be held on April 26, as it is assumed that if the negotiations fail the conference will decide on action to support the miners in the event of a stoppage.

Owners Going Home.

London, April 23.

There was practically no progress at this morning's confer-

## SPAIN GRATEFUL.

BRILLIANT RESCUE BY BRITISH AIRMEN.

KING ALFONSO'S MESSAGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

King Alfonso of Spain has addressed the following message to the British Air Force:

"His Majesty wishes to convey to all ranks of the British Air Force and other military forces concerned, not only on his own behalf but also on behalf of his people, and particularly of the Spanish Army, an expression of his sincere appreciation of the brilliant and courageous services rendered by them in their successful search for Captain Estevez and his mechanic in the trans-Jordanian Desert. At the same time His Majesty desires to take this opportunity of expressing his pride in being associated with the British Army as Colonel-in-Chief of the 16th/5th Lancasters."

HEROES DECORATED.

King George Accedes to Request.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, April 23.

King Alfonso telegraphed to King George expressing his personal gratitude and the thanks of the Navy, Army, and the whole Spanish nation to the British Air Force in the Near East for their splendid devotion in rescuing Captain Estevez and his mechanic, and asking permission to give the British airmen a Spanish decoration.

King George replied most cordially acceding to King Alfonso's request.

## RACIAL FEUDS.

EXCITING SCENES IN CALCUTTA.

POLICE PICKETS ARMED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, April 23.

Two persons were killed and 47 injured in further disorders between Moslems and Hindus to-day. A gang of Mussulmans in the afternoon rushed the principal market building and assaulted a Hindu cloth merchant, besides seriously injuring four others. Mussulman fruit sellers helped the Hindus to chase off their assailants.

Another gang of Mussulmans looted a big grain store and beat a Hindu, who had to be removed to hospital.

The number of shops closed is increasing. There have been many individual assaults by stabbing and beating, many of the victims being in hospital.

Police pickets armed with sticks are now stationed in the disturbed area.

Position Still Grave.

Calcutta later.

The situation is still considered grave.

Further casualties are reported, including three deaths.

The police have organised a flying squad and have the situation well in hand.

## DANISH FLIGHT.

THOROUGHLY BAD TIME AT NINGHAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, April 23.

The Danish airmen have arrived here.

The Danish airman, Commander Solved and his mechanic, unkempt in appearance, with thick beards, unwashed, and with unchanged clothes for five days, have had a thoroughly bad time at Ninghal (which is a notorious resort of pirates) where they were forced to land a week ago, owing to a leak in their petrol tank.

The Chinese stole all their loose personal belongings, and spare parts of the machine, and deflated the tyres. Indeed, it was all the airmen could do to defend the aeroplane against the crowd who, however, were actuated more by assertive curiosity than hostility.

ence of the coal-owners and miners presided over by Mr. Stanley Baldwin. The owners, on leaving the conference, said that they were returning to their districts forthwith. Each side adopted the Premier's suggestion, and appointed a small Committee to carry on negotiations, with which Mr. Baldwin is keeping in touch.

## 63 FLAGS.

UNFURLED AS TRIBUTE TO SHAKESPEARE.

IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.

The flags of 63 nations were unfurled at Stratford on Avon to-day as a world tribute to Shakespeare. They included the Soviet red flag, which was unfurled by the Counsellor of the Russian headquarters in London.

Three long rows of flags, headed by the Union Jack, made an impressive spectacle as they floated simultaneously to the sound of a trumpet.

## CHINA'S FOOD.

NEW SCHEME FOR LOWERING PRICES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 23.

With a view to lowering the rising prices of foodstuffs and provide relief to war sufferers in Peking, Tientsin and surrounding districts, a plan to purchase and transport to these places cereals to the value approximately of \$10,000,000 is being worked out by General Chang Yin Kwak, Managing Director of the Peking-Mukden Railway, who is an influential Mukden leader.

Chang Hsueh-lang fully approves and is supporting the plan. Chang Yin-kwak intends to call a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and lay plans before them. The tentative scheme follows: The Mukden authorities are to entrust the purchase of cereals at Mukden to the Chamber, and the distribution of the grain to the Peking Chamber and other organisations.

The grain will be sold at lower than current market prices, under the supervision of the local authorities.

Chang intends to secure its transportation with the rolling stock which various persons are at present holding for non-commercial purposes, thus not interfering with the commercial traffic which is still at the lowest.

The Fengtien leaders emphasise that the military parties will not handle the money, their object being merely to force down the price.

## "COLD SHOWER."

GERMAN NATIONALIST PRESS SENSITIVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 23.

The Nationalists have been lashed into fury by a statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons on April 21, regarding the evacuation of the Rhineland. Sir Austen in reply to a question referred to the declaration signed in June, 1919, by President Wilson, M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George (that if, before the expiration of fifteen years, Germany gives proofs of goodwill and complies with the Treaty of undertakings, the Allies agree to an earlier termination of the period of occupation).

This was the declaration of the then intentions of the three Governments concerned, and not a declaration against which the German Government was entitled to appeal. The Foreign Secretary did not want to press further, but considered the moment inopportune.

The German Nationalist organs see here further proof of the "complete futility of the Locarno Conference."

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech is described as "cynical," "another blow," and a "cold shower."

## SOUTH AFRICA.

PROSPECTS OF TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, April 23.

In the Assembly in reply to questions General Hertzog (Prime Minister) disclaimed all knowledge of the movements of Mr. L.W. Schlesinger, the South African financier, who recently went to Europe and reported he intended to visit Russia and open commercial negotiations with the Soviet.

Subsequently, Colonel Creswell, Minister of Defence, stated the Cabinet had decided that any citizen who negotiated with the prospect of opening up new markets should have the Government's goodwill. General Hertzog added that as regards Russia, he saw no objection to the establishment of business connections on a proper business-like footing with South Africa.

## SHORT TIME.

COTTON MILLS TO CLOSE FOR A WEEK.

150,000 MEN AFFECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.

The Short Time Organisation Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association in Manchester has decided strongly to recommend that the mills in the American section of the Lancashire yarns industry close for a full week beginning on May 8. This decision affects two-thirds of the spinning trade and 150,000 operatives.

## ITALIAN "WAR."

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOMALILAND.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, April 23.

Arab dhows sailing on the Coast line of the Azanian Sea proved to be an escort to a cruiser which landed detachments. Italian troops have landed in Southern Italian Somaliland for the purpose of affirming Italian sovereignty.

The "East African Standard" correspondent at Lamu, Kenya, has reported the number of dhows arriving at that port has considerably decreased, whilst none fly the Italian flag, because "North Mogdishu and Italian Somaliland have been engaged in severe fighting." The Italian forces sustained severe losses. The Somalis are now divided into two forces. The Italians have blockaded the coast.

## WAR DEBTS.

NEW FRENCH OFFER TO AMERICA.

FOUR MILLIARD DOLLARS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 23.

The French Ambassador, M. Henri Beranger, in appearing before the Debt Funding Commission, submitted a new French offer of a settlement of the war debt of four milliard dollars.

## "SAVE THE FRANC."

STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 23.

In the Chamber, M. Raoul Peret declared the franc was attacked on many foreign markets for various reasons, either to sustain Italian and Belgian money, or with a view to delay the settling of inter-Ally debts, but France should not yield to too pressing injunctions and sacrifice her interests.

Yesterday's recovery of the franc was not due to Government intervention, but to the normal phenomenon of the market becoming easier on reports of the good progress of the Franco-American debt negotiations, and Budget equilibrium.

Another Donation.

Paris, April 23.

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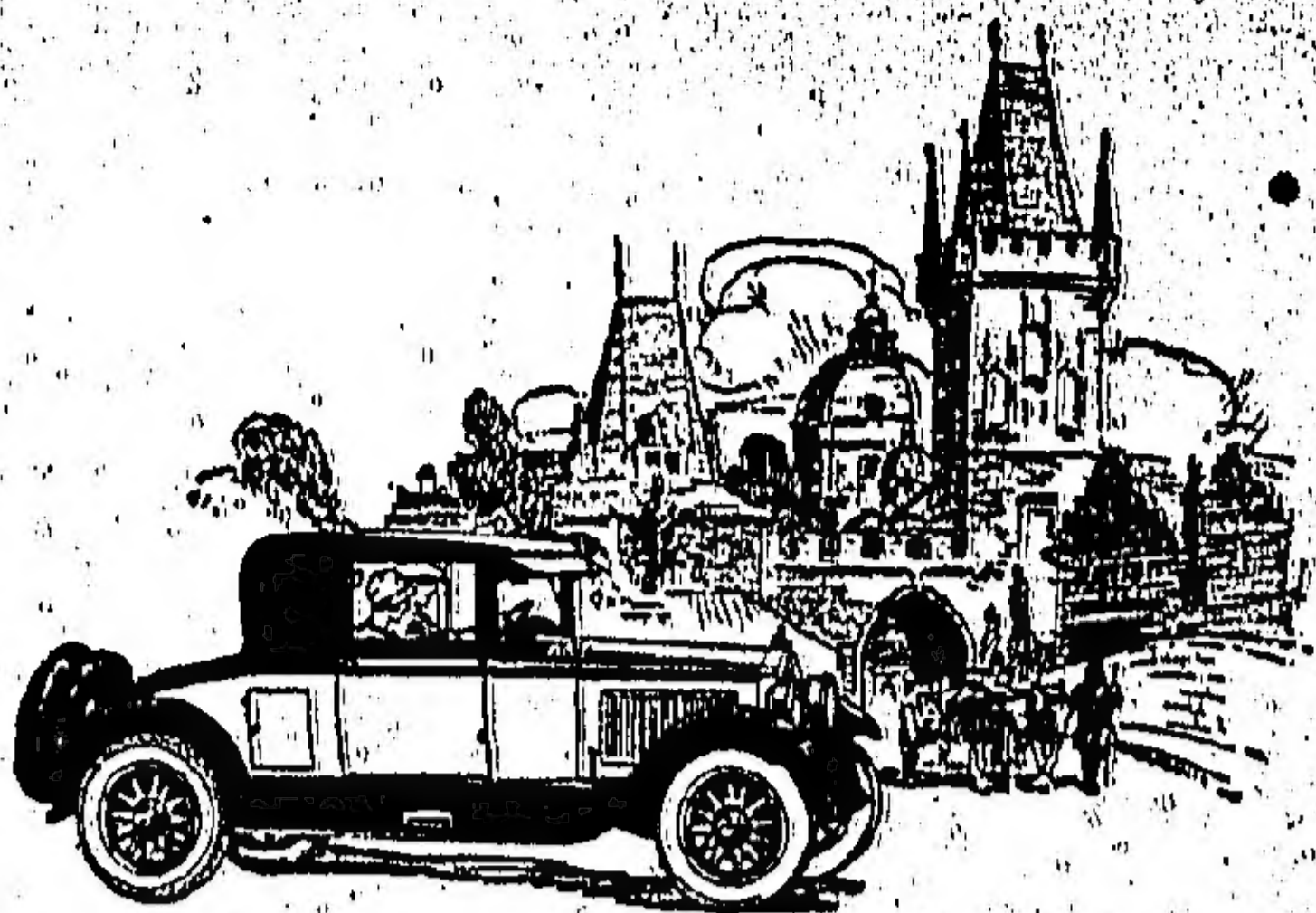
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Colony had another "clean" health return on Thursday.

In a recent football competition 6,484 people gave a correct solution. The prize was divided among the successful competitors—each receiving 8d.

For the preservation of the ancient Roman Amphitheatre of Ferentino, Italy, Captain Alexander Harcourt, an Englishman, has given 25,000 lire.

The Amateur Dramatic Society of Selangor announce their production of Sir James Barrie's play "The Admirable Crichton" for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 26, 27, and 28.

Women and girls in the West Ham Guardians Central Home detained under the provisions of the Lunacy Act are to be allowed to attend the local cinema once a week, at the expense of the Guardians.

A new set of Egyptian stamps has been issued in commemoration of the agricultural and Industrial Exhibition which is now being held in Cairo. The stamps are on sale for two months only, and the issue is a restricted one, so that they will be much sought after by collectors. Another commemorative set of stamps has been issued in Austria. It is known as the "Nublungen" commemorative set, and consists of six values—3, 8, 15, 20, 24, and 40 groschen.

On the last outward voyage of the P. and O. "Kashgar," Captain Williams allowed sealed collecting boxes to be placed about the ship for the benefit of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund. The boxes remained sealed until the return of the ship to London, when they were handed over to the Appeal Department of the British Legion, which has now written to the P. and O. Company stating that the amount subscribed by the "Kashgar" was £27 2s. 6d., and asking that Earl Haig's grateful thanks be conveyed to the Commander of the ship, and all concerned in this splendid subscription.

Melbourne High Court have decided that the Y.M.C.A. is "a religious institution exempt from income tax."

Mr. Robt. Canadian Minister of Finance, has given taxation statistics per head: Canada, 66 dollars 11 cents; Australia, 69.65; Great Britain, 97.12; United States, 67.39, says Reuter.

The German survey ship "Meteor," which has returned to Table Bay from the Southern Ocean, reports that Thompson Island (marked on British atlases at 80 miles north-east of Bouvet Island) has disappeared.

About a hundred "establishment" men and their families are leaving Pembroke Dock for other dockyards, and by the end of the month only a care-and-maintenance party of sixty men will be employed at Pembroke. The town is in a serious plight, and already more than a thousand men are on the unemployment register.

A contract of an estimated value of approximately £250,000 for 2,000 coal waggons, required by the Carlton Main Colliery Co. of Barnsley, and the Llay Main Coal Co. of Gresford, near Wrexham, has been placed with Messrs. Charles Roberts and Co., Ltd., of Horbury Junction, near Wakefield, (says "Modern Transport.")

The complete returns now issued by the Department of Commerce, Irish Free State, at Dublin, show a substantial decline in the number of cattle shipped from all ports in the Free State to cross-channel British ports during the past year. The total number shipped was 893,788 compared with 943,908 in 1924, a drop of 255,000, which represents a large decline in revenue to the various shipping companies engaged in the Irish cross-channel cattle transit. There was also a heavy decline in the number of sheep carried and horses and pigs.

For smuggling silk goods, a watch and camera, Enichi Ogino, a Japanese, was fined \$50 at Dover.

Census Bureau estimates indicate that the population of the United States on August 1, will be more than 117,000,000.

Sugar amounting to 34,027 tons was produced at the four factories in Kelham, Cantley, Ely, and Ipswich, in the year 1925-26.

News has been received in Germany that two brothers, tramway employees in the Ruhr zone, have been left \$650,000 by a relative who has just died in America.

An unclaimed envelope containing diamonds valued at \$1,500 has been found in the safe deposit of the Kimberley branch of the Standard Bank. The envelope was deposited 40 years ago by a man named C. R. Cowie. Unless it has been claimed by April 5, the diamonds will be sold.

Hull Corporation Committee for the Care of the Blind has approved of weekly allowances to 200 indigent blind, at an annual cost of £5,800. The income of each blind person under the scheme has been brought up to 25s. per week. An appeal was made to the public to discourage begging, and the chairman said if any cases were brought to their notice they would be dealt with severely.

The wonderful and most costly organ at the newly opened Plaza Picture Palace can perform many miracles of sound, thunder and storm and general upheaval. The most popular "effect" of all is when the organist, who is seated in the centre of the orchestra, presses a few buttons and disappears with all his stops and pedals into the depths below. His vanishing trick is applauded very heartily!

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. S. J. Jordain, secretary of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., went on Home leave yesterday by the "City of Valencia." Mr. A. W. Brown is acting secretary. Mr. Jordain has been a keen ruggerite.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hearn and their two children, Mrs. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. Fitzgerald are passengers on the s.s. "Change" which left Hongkong for Australian ports via Manila.

The Rev. Frederick Hastings of Esbourne, who is 87, is about to start alone on a cycling tour to Venice via Havre. He used to cycle 60 miles a day, but he says his doctor has ordered him to cut it down to about 30. Recently Mr. Hastings completed a painted panel, 5ft. by 6ft., for his church.

Mr. W. L. Marshall, general manager of the Standard Oil Company offices of Manila, will leave for the United States in the early part of May. He has been transferred. He will be succeeded by Mr. Basil G. Butler, assistant general manager. During his stay in the Philippines, he has been popular with all and his services have been highly successful.

A large gathering, including Sir George and Lady Maxwell and the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thomson, British Resident, Selangor, was present at the farewell function given at the Chinese Maternity Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, by the Chinese Maternity Association to Dr. Bernard Day, who is shortly retiring from Malaya. After thirteen years' service as a private practitioner, and during that time has been the only hon. surgeon of the Chinese Maternity Hospital.

There will be many throughout Malaya who will learn with much regret of the death, which occurred suddenly in London, following an operation of Major Trevor Colledge Spring, D.S.O., of the Hampshire Regiment, says the "Strait Times." Major Spring spent some considerable time in the Colony as a staff officer, and was a very well-known and popular officer. As a private soldier he was a member of the "Colony" team in 1922. He was the son of the Rev. E. S. Spring, rector of Alvington, North Devon, and was 44 years of age. He left Singapore for home in 1924.

Benjamin Rodrigues, of Singapore, only twelve years of age, has been awarded by Trinity College an exhibition for his work in music. This is the first award of the kind to a Singaporean.

The dance organised by the officers and men of H.M.S. "Ambrose" in the Town Hall, Penang, was a great success. The sailors augmented the orchestra with an excellent string combination of their own and a joby time was spent by all.

The Queen's Theatre Gaumont Graphic shows the return of Alan Cobham from his 16,000 mile flight. Mr. Cobham modestly denies that he has performed a daring flight. "It was all a matter of organisation and tenacity of purpose—in fact, it was just an everyday affair," he says.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The condition of Commander Evangelina Booth, head of the Salvation Army in America, was reported to be very grave at a New York hospital. She was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

The Queen gives us a perfect example of how a woman should stand and act. Her Majesty has the secret of grace, dignity, and elegance and never does she allow her shoulders to become slumped. Mrs. Kurose, of Kobe, who was the first woman to be admitted to the Japanese Imperial Household Agency, was a member of the Japanese Imperial Household Agency. She was a member of the Japanese Imperial Household Agency. She was a member of the Japanese Imperial Household Agency.

"I am hoping that, like Lady Godiva, you are drawing near to your close," Judge Parfitt, at Clerkenwell County Court.

A painting of W. G. Grace has been presented to the National Portrait Gallery by the M.C.C. and county cricket clubs.

The Princes of Wales has promised to preside at a National Savings Movement demonstration at the Albert Hall on May 14.

The Japanese Government has decided to appoint Mr. Kawatani Kozemon, the Harbin Manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, as Japanese Trade Commissioner to Soviet Russia. Formal announcement is shortly expected.

The representatives of the various factions within the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce met on the 31st ultimo, when they agreed to recommend Baron Sakatani, a member of the Upper House, who was formerly Mayor of Tokyo, to the Presidency of the institution.

With the Imperial sanction, Mr. Kato Kotaro, heir to the late Count Kato Takaaki, succeeded to his father's title on the 2nd instant. The young Count Kato is a graduate of Tokyo Imperial and Oxford (England) Universities.

Described as the most efficient rate collector in Britain, Mr. Charles Cullum, collector to Cleethorpe Council, died, aged 55. He invented the system by which small ratepayers pay in instalments by stamping a card weekly.

A very pleasant Japanese dinner has been held in honour of Capt. D. H. James, who is shortly leaving Japan. Mr. Kurose, the Mayor of Kobe made a farewell speech in Japanese to which Capt. James replied. One of two foreign members of the Recreation Ground-Keeping Committee were present, together with Japanese officials from the Kempeitai.

John Paris, the author of several novels on modern Japan, was born in Aberdeen. Ten years ago, while down on his luck, he borrowed £500 from a Glasgow friend, and he has since then been a member of the Glasgow University. He has since then been a member of the Glasgow University. He has since then been a member of the Glasgow University.

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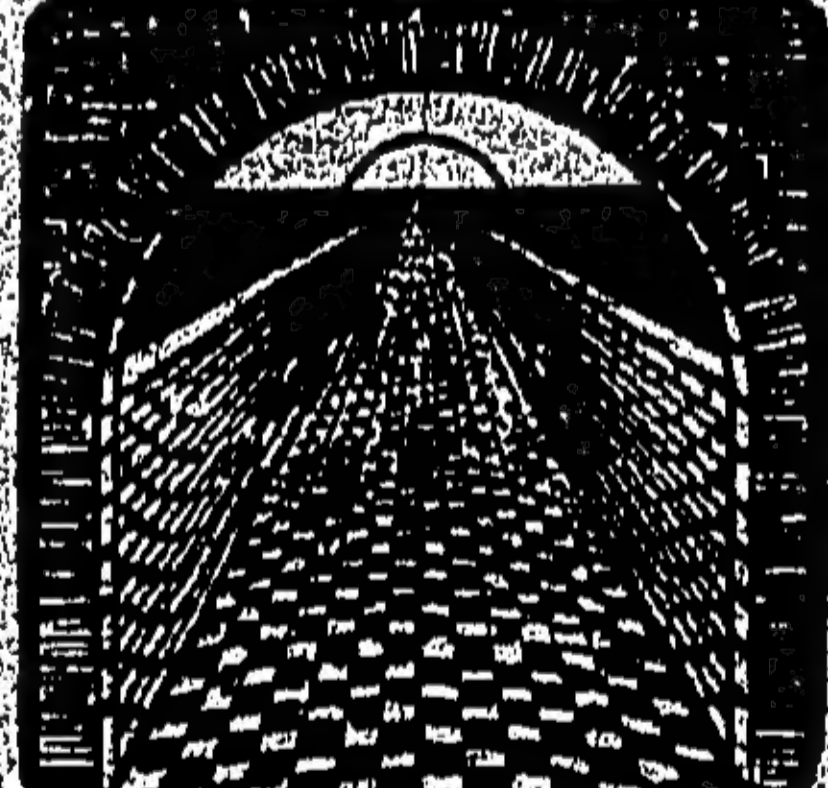
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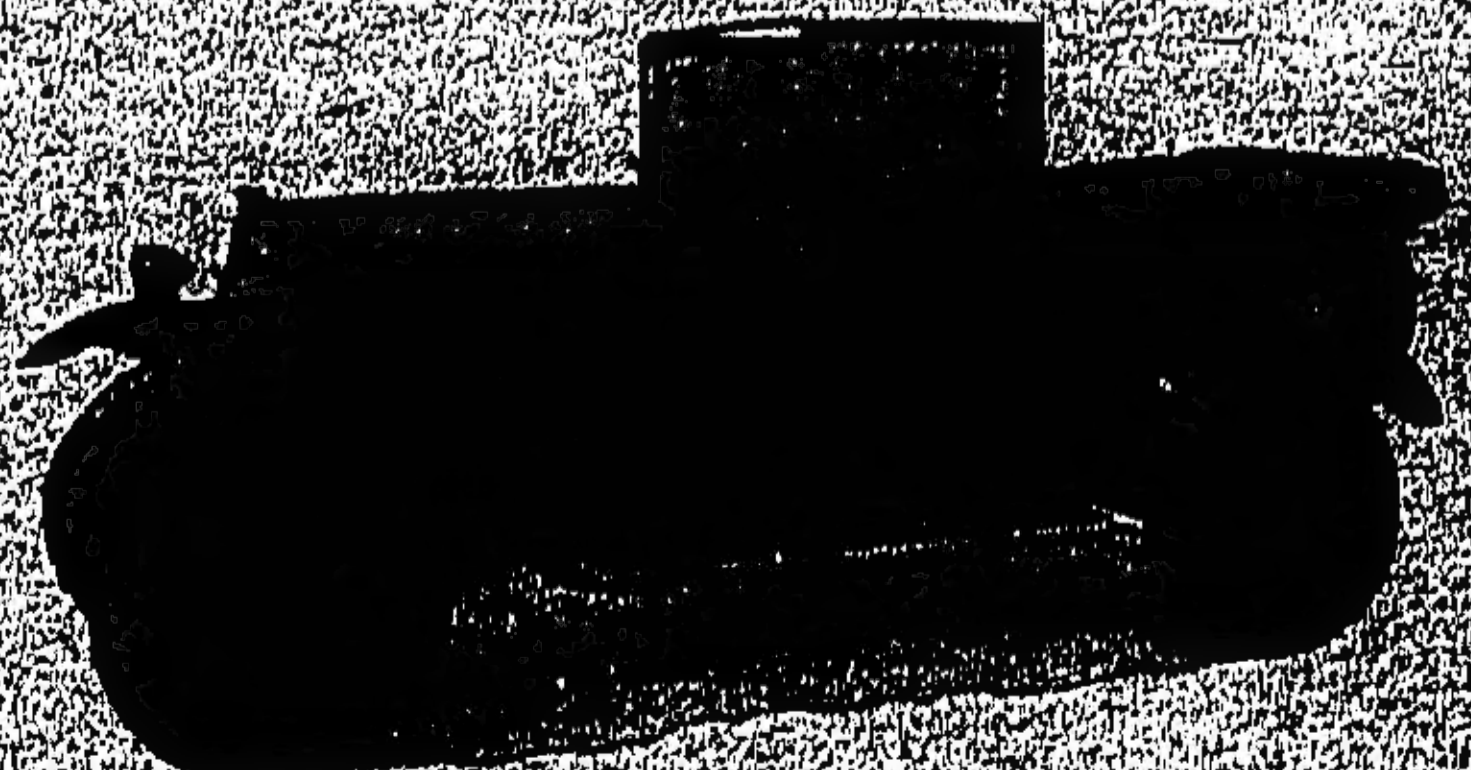
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## HOME GOLF.

### AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF SURREY.

#### ANGLO-AMERICAN'S WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23. The Anglo-American, Douglas Grant, won the Surrey amateur golf championship at Sunningdale by defeating Roger Wethered in the semi-final by 6 and 4; and Major Thorburn in the final, at the nineteenth hole.

## PRINCE GEORGE.

### ENTHUSIASM IN ATHLETICS.

Prince George, the King's youngest son, is a typical sailor, and enters into every phase of the sailor's life with enthusiasm. He is the best of the three Princes in athletic field events. The Prince of Wales can more than hold his own at rackets, while the Duke of York has specialised at lawn tennis, at which he is no mean exponent.

At college, however, Prince George was always keen on running and jumping, and won a number of events. It is typical of the sportsman's spirit of H.R.H. that he did not become disheartened when he found himself up against sterner stuff on joining the Fleet, and has frequently led the line in the shorter distances. He ran in some sports arranged by the Fleet in the East, coming in sixth, but not disgraced.

The hundred and two hundred yards are his favourite distance, but he can also put up quite a good performance "over the hurdles."

He is the only one of the three brothers, who has done much at cricket, his special forte being the bat, says the London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon."

## HOME ARMY SOCCER.

London, April 10. The final of the Army Cup was played at Aldershot to-day between the 2nd Staffordshire Regiment and the 2nd Leicestershire Regt., the former winning by three goals to one.

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

### GOVERNOR ATTENDS EXCELLENT CONCERT.

#### FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement, members of Government House staff, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock and prominent officials of the St. George's Society of Hongkong were present at the concert arranged in the City Hall last night in connection with the local observance of St. George's Day.

The theatre was decorated with red and white streamers, the coats of arms of the various cities of England being on the walls surrounding the dress circle. At the back of the stage was a large picture of St. George.

The playing of the East Surrey's Band was magnificent and the items rendered by the artists were very well received.

The programme was as follows: March, "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar; the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment, Tenor Solo, "The English Rose," F. German (from "Merrie England"), Mr. H. E. Gardner. Mezzo-Soprano Solo, "Passing by," Purcell (1680-1740), by "Long long ago," Bayly (1797-1839), Mrs. R. Sanger.

Bass Solo, "The Crown of the year," Easthope Martin, Mr. R. A. Green. Soprano Solo, "Langley Fair," Easthope Martin, Mrs. L. F. Davis. Selection, "The Yeoman of the Guard," Sullivan, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment. Selection, "Reminiscences of England," Godfrey, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment. Baritone Solo, "The Fishermen of England," Phillips, Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

Contralto Solo, "Land of Hope and Glory," Elgar, G. W. Watt, Moreau Mignon. "Salut D'Amour," Elgar, and a selection, "The Lighting Switch," Alford, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment.

"Between The Soup And The Savoury." The playlet, by Gertrude Jennings, was much enjoyed. Scene, the Kitchen; time, evening during the serving of dinner. The cook (Marie), Mrs. Chater.

## BOXER'S DEATH.

### CLEVER SENCIO'S LAST FIGHT.

#### "PANGCHO VILLA II."

Milwaukee, April 20. Clever Sencio (the flyweight boxer) collapsed after his fight with Bud Taylor. He died on the way to the hospital. The hospital officials refused to issue a statement pending action by the authorities.

Milwaukee, April 19. Bud Taylor of Terre Haute tonight won from Clever Sencio of Manila, capturing the honours in the tenth round after Sencio had held him even for nine rounds. Sencio was one of the cleverest Filipino boxers that ever left the Philippines in search of laurels. By the Filipino nation, he was looked upon as a second Pancho Villa, and the hopes of the Philippines for another world's champion, rested on him. He left the Philippines July 29 of last year.

During his short stay in the States, Sencio endeared himself to followers of the fist game by his cleverness, gameness and ability. He was proclaimed by many American sport writers as the next flyweight champion of the world.

Sencio blazed his way through the rank of American flyweights in such decisive manner, a short time after his arrival in the States, that he was matched twice with Fidel La Barba, the flying champion. Although defeated on both occasions he was still pointed out as the boxer who would dethrone La Barba.

Recently the California State Boxing Commission decided that Clever Sencio, Newsboy Brown and Frankie Genaro, the ex champion, should meet in a series of elimination bouts to decide the opponent for Fidel La Barba.

Just how it came about that he was permitted to engage in a bout with Bud Taylor, who is considered the uncrowned bantam king and a terrific puncher, is not known. Taylor had height, reach, weight, ability, in fact, everything but "fighting heart" over Sencio.

The sudden news of Sencio's death is a great blow not only to the Filipino nation, but to the American and other foreign followers of the game, who knew and admired him, says the "Philippines Herald."

His death is similar in many ways to that of Pancho Villa, who died in hospital shortly after his fight with Jimmy McLarin.

## CROSS-COUNTRY.

### ENGLAND SECOND AT BRUSSELS.

#### INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

(via Colombo.)

Brussels, March 28. The international cross-country championship over eight miles resulted as follows:—

France ..... 1  
England ..... 2  
Scotland ..... 3  
Ireland ..... 4  
Wales ..... 5  
Belgium ..... 6  
Harper, of England, finished first, taking 44 mins., 17 2/5 secs.

## "WHITE WINGS."

### MANILA SUGGESTS YACHT CLUB.

#### WHAT IS NECESSARY.

Manila, April 15.

Manila may have a yachting club, should plans of prominent local businessmen and sportsmen develop. J. C. Rockwell, vice-president of the Manila Electric Company, is the originator of the idea. He stated that many local sportsmen are interested in the plan and favour the idea, (remarks the "Manila Bulletin.")

The construction of a basin for the anchorage of the boats, construction of a club and boat house and other incidentals, would be necessary. This would require financial backing, and it is believed that sufficient funds would be subscribed by those interested.

## BOXING MATCH.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 7. Georges Carpentier, champion of France, and Eddie Hoffman of California were matched to-day for a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden, May 31.

It is again stated that Jack Dempsey, the world's heavy-weight champion, has agreed to fight the Negro, Harry Wills, this time on Labour Day, says the "Daily Mail." Last March Dempsey was suspended by the New York Boxing Commission for his failure to accept Wills's challenge.

## "DELIBERATE LIE."

### JUDGE CENSURES WING ON WITNESS.

#### A "LUCKY ESCAPE."

The next hearing of the alleged fraud on the Wing On Bank will be on Monday when expert evidence will be given by Prof. Shellshar, of the Hongkong University.

Before the assistant cashier who had admitted previous false evidence yesterday left the witness box, he was severely reprimanded by His Lordship. His Lordship said that he had told a shameless lie at the Magistrate's. He had thought the matter over, and had at first thought of having him prosecuted for perjury. There were, however, some technical difficulties in the way of a conviction, and he, therefore, would not order a prosecution.

He admonished witness to be careful next time he proposed to give evidence, since he might not be so lucky in escaping. It was perhaps sufficient punishment for him on that particular occasion, that he was on his own confession, a deliberate and shameless liar.

Mr. Zeitlyn, again opened the question with regard to the production of the books. Mr. Jenkin pointed out that both the defence and the prosecution had been informed that they could have free access to the books. He referred His Lordship to the depositions taken at the Magistrate's.

Mr. Zeitlyn said that it was the first he had heard of it. Only the day before had he received the proofs.

His Lordship perused the depositions and said that it was stated that all parties could have access to the books. He considered it a serious thing, since the defence alleged that they had not had access to them. The allegation was unfair.

Certain books were handed over to Mr. d'Almada, His Lordship intimating that he would be held responsible for their safe custody.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

## BRUTAL ATTACK.

### ON COL. HAYLEY BELL IN CANTON.

#### PICKETS' MISCHIEF?

Colonel Hayley Bell, who is the Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, was the victim of a brutal attack on Thursday, in Canton, city, just outside the French concession on Shamen, shortly after mid-day.

With nothing more than a raincoat on his arm, Colonel Hayley Bell was about to cross the gate leading to the French bridge which connects Shamen with the Canton Bund.

It appears that a ruffian, who is suspected to have been or was connected with the boycott pickets, insisted on holding up the Commissioner to search.

A discussion ensued, leading to the man assaulting the Colonel. Other men, armed with bamboo poles, and similar weapons, joined in the attack, one felling the Colonel to the ground with a blow from a pole which caused the blood to flow from the Colonel's head. While on the ground, the Colonel was still beaten, the while defending himself as best he could against overwhelming odds.

Mr. A. Pereira, who was in Shamen, saw the incident and ran to the Colonel's aid, dragging him to safety, in the concession. Dr. Reynolds then attended Colonel Hayley Bell whose condition, at the time of the report, did not give much cause for anxiety.

Up till this morning, the Hongkong office (of the Chinese Maritime Customs, for 'Kowloon and district') had received no official communication on the affair.

## WHERE THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE.



On the right centre of this photo is shown the gate separating the French bridge, Shamen, from Canton's Bund. The houses in the background are on Chinese ground. In the foreground is the bridge leading into Shamen. It was at the far end of the bridge that Colonel Hayley Bell, Commissioner of Customs, was brutally attacked by armed, Chinese ruffians.

## NAVY LEAGUE.

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1925.

#### HONGKONG BRANCH.

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Our local branch in Amoy raised £10.4s.10d. in aid of the "Improbable" Fund, which was gratefully acknowledged by Sir Vincent Baddely.

Our thanks are due to Mr. A. Brearley, for auditing the accounts.

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Among the passengers leaving the Colony to-day for Europe by the s.s. "Hakusan Maru" were Mr. A. C. Pedersen and Mr. N. E. Bendixsen of the G. N. Telegraph Co. Mrs. J. H. Backhouse, Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Mr. R. Ponsonby and Mr. E. C. Bell of the A. P. C.

## CANTON'S TRADE.

### CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS RETURNS.

#### SERIOUS DECLINES.

We have received from the Statistical Department of the Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs the Trade Returns of Canton for the quarter October-December, 1925. The totals are also given for the whole year together with the corresponding figures for the years 1923 and 1924. There are no summaries.

Taking cotton goods, whilst the returns for the last quarter of 1925 show in a number of cases a substantial increase over the figures for the corresponding quarter of 1924, there are very few instances indeed in which the figures for the whole year do not show a substantial decline. We may illustrate this statement by reproducing the figures for the first three items in the list:—

October-December, 1924. 1925.

(1) Shirts and Shirts, grey (Pieces) 5,452 16,552  
(2) Drills and Jeans (8 or 4 shaft only) (Pieces) 41,168 60,805  
(3) 1-cloths, Grey 7,119 4,188

The figures for the whole year compared with those for the preceding two years are:—

1923. 1924. 1925.  
(1) 34,326 30,424 28,479  
(2) 136,401 125,498 71,464  
(3) 22,365 22,532 9,277

The only instances in the list of cotton goods in which increase of import is shown for the whole year are: Lastings, 10,028 pieces in 1925, compared with 8,105 in

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## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 24, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association	Rate & Broker's Share & Real Estate
T.T. on London	2/2 1/4	2/2 1/4	2/2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 1/2	76 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1105 b.	1105 b.	\$110.0 b.
do. London	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	220 1/2 n.	220 1/2 n.	220 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.
do.	213 1/2 b.	213 1/2 b.	213 1/2 b.
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2 n.	20 1/2 n.	20 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	86 n.	86 n.	86 n.
Marine Insurance	625 b.	625 b.	\$625 b.
Canton Insurance	190 b.	190 b.	190 b.
China Underwriters	190 b.	190 b.	190 b.
North China Insurance	283 b.	283 b.	\$284 b.
Union Insurance	39 n.	39 n.	39 n.
Yangtze Insurance	170 b.	170 b.	170 b.
China Fire Insurance	550 b.	550 b.	550 b.
E.K. Fire Insurance	28 n.	28 n.	28 n.
Shipping	27 n.	27 n.	27 n.
Douglases	28 n.	28 n.	28 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	27 n.	27 n.	27 n.
E.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 n.	24 n.	24 n.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	38 n.	38 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	40 n.	40 n.
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	250 n.
Shell Transport	87 1/2 b.	87 1/2 b.	87 1/2 b.
Star Lines	81 b.	81 b.	81 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
Refineries	26 b.	26 b.	26 b.
China Sugars	36 n.	36 n.	36 n.
Malayan Sugars	35 n.	35 n.	35 n.
Mining	17 1/2 n.	17 1/2 n.	17 1/2 n.
Benguet	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.
Kallian Mining Ad.	24 1/2 n.	24 1/2 n.	24 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Exploration	7 n.	7 n.	7 n.
Shanghai Loan	5 n.	5 n.	5 n.
Raub	5 n.	5 n.	5 n.
Tronoh Mines	65 1/2 n.	65 1/2 n.	65 1/2 n.
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 n.	8 1/2 n.
Docks, Wharves & Godowns, &c.	\$128 b.	128 b.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	60 s.	60 s.	60 s.
Hongkows	1165 b.	1165 b.	1165 b.
New Engineering	5.80 b.	5.80 b.	5.80 b.
Shanghai Docks	108 b.	108 b.	108 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	9 1/4 b.	9 1/4 b.	9 1/4 b.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.
do. (new)	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.
Hongkong Lands	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.
H.K. Realty	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	5 n.	5 n.
Humphreys Estates	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 n.	100 n.
Rural Lands	7 n.	7 n.	7 n.
Cotton Mills	10.30 b.	10.30 b.	10.30 b.
Ewo Cottons	3.20 b.	3.20 b.	3.20 b.
Oriental	53 b.	53 b.	53 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	27 b.	27 b.	27 b.
do. (new)	27 b.	27 b.	27 b.
Miscellaneous	37 1/2 n.	37 1/2 n.	37 1/2 n.
Canton Ice	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.
Cements (comb.)	13 b.	13 b.	13 b.
do. (old)	3 n.	3 n.	3 n.
do. (new)	10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 b.
China Buses	20 b.	20 b.	20 b.
China Lights (comb.)	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
do. (old)	11 n.	11 n.	11 n.
China Prov. (comb.)	6 b.	6 b.	6 b.
do. (old)	6.10 b.	6.10 b.	6.10 b.
do. (new)	10 n.	10 n.	10 n.
Dairy Farms	20 n.	20 n.	20 n.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	10 n.
do. (part pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	10 n.
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 b.	11 1/2 b.	11 1/2 b.
H.K. Constructions	24 n.	24 n.	24 n.
Hongkong Electric	64 b.	64 b.	64 b.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. n.	25 cts. n.	25 cts. n.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	30 s.	30 s.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 s.	10 s.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
Hongkong Tramways	24.80 25 s.	24.80 25 s.	24.80 25 s.
Lane, Crawford	10 1/2 s.	10 1/2 s.	10 1/2 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	40 n.	40 n.
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	21 1/2 n.	21 1/2 n.
Nanyang Tobaccos	13 b.	13 b.	13 b.
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 n.	8 n.
Sincere	11 n.	11 n.	11 n.
Singapore Trams	8 s.	8 s.	8 s.
Taxis	4 s.	4 s.	4 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	20 n.	20 n.
do. (Founders)	600 n.	600 n.	600 n.
do. (Ordinary)	18 p.	18 p.	18 p.
Vatsons (old)	12 b.	12 b.	12 b.
do. (new)	13 b.	13 b.	13 b.
Ym. Powells	10 n.	10 n.	10 n.
H.K. Telephone	9 1/2 n.	9 1/2 n.	9 1/2 n.

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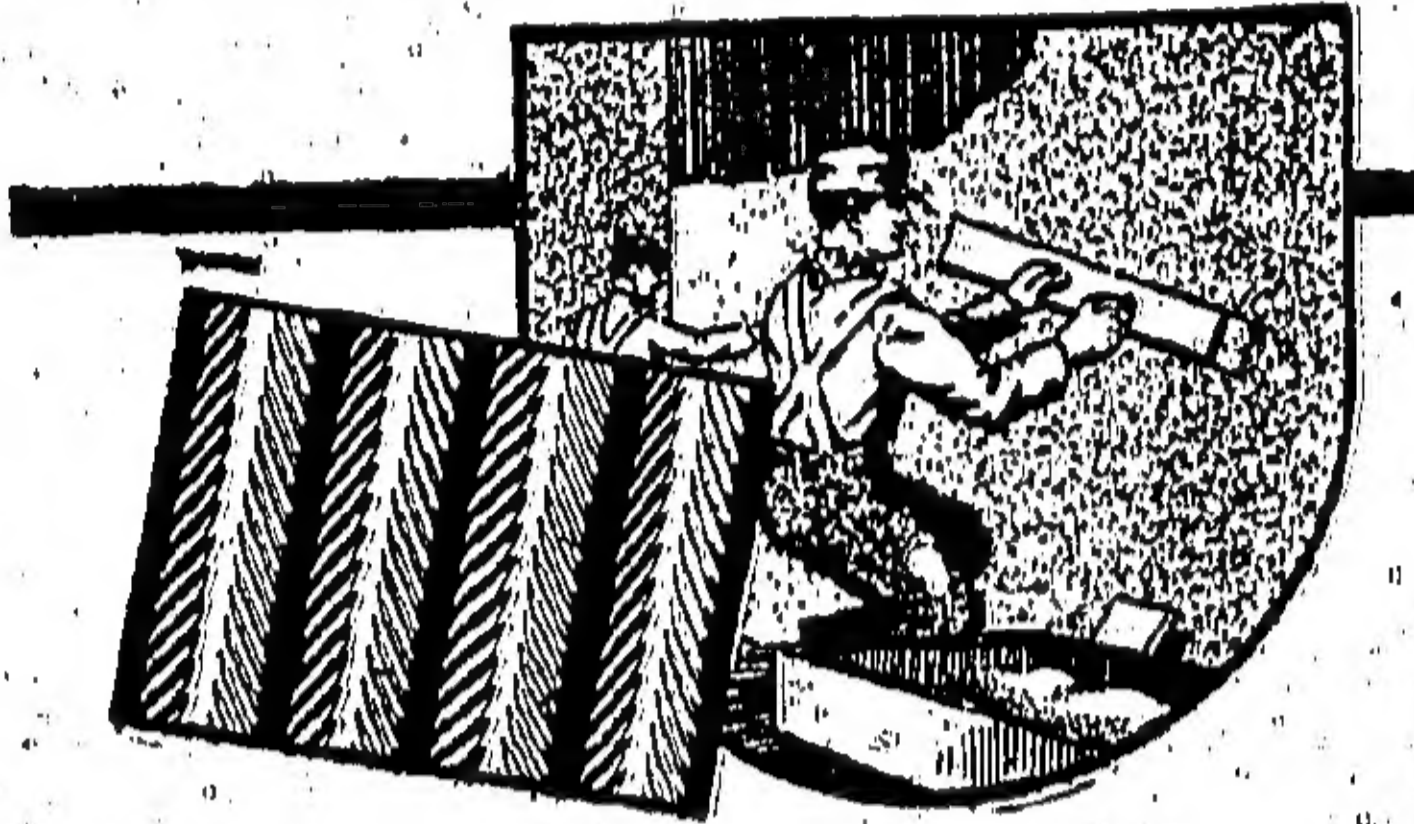
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### A HAPPY SCENE



Snapshot taken after a christening at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On the right is Mr. A. B. Allan (of the Royal Naval Yard) who was godfather to the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lockhart. Mrs. S. Alderman is holding the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Evans, for whom she was godmother.

### OUR TREBLE INTERPORT VICTORY



Hongkong sent up a team to Amoy during the Easter holidays and secured a treble victory at hockey, and soccer. Hongkong won the first hockey match by 8 goals to 2, and the second by 9-3. Then the soccer match was won by 3 goals to 1. The Hongkong team had nine men, namely:—A. S. Hett (hockey captain), D. Lyon (soccer captain), Lt. Smith, R.A., Lt. Jacobs-Larkeon, R.E., Captain Halgh, R.A.S.C., T. J. Price, S. H. Garrod, W. Gerrard and J. Wedlake. The two shortages were made up on the spot. The group photo above shows the two teams, outside the Amoy Club, at Kulangsu (the settlement).

### SURREYS' WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on April 14 after the wedding, by the Rev. Mr. Stopford, C.P., of Sergeant Ronald Thomas Patsy Hicks, 1/East Surrey Regt., and Miss Phyllis Mary Storey.

### TUESDAY'S WEDDING.



Photo by A. Fong.

An attractive group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, after the wedding of Mr. S. B. Tan of Singapore and Miss Elizabeth Lu-sien Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wong, of Kowloon. The Misses Beatrice Lam, Estelle Mayes and Josephine Wong were bridesmaids; Masters Stephen and Enoch Wong were pages; and Mr. Y. K. Wong was "best man."

### JEU-LAW WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

This photo was taken last Saturday after the wedding at the Rhenish Mission (Bonham Road) when the contracting parties were Mr. Jau Tien-liang (Duncan Jau), son of Dr. and Mrs. Jau Hawk of Hongkong, and Miss Law Yuet-sin. Miss Law Yuet-yung was bridesmaid; Miss Wong Fung-sin, flower girl.

### CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

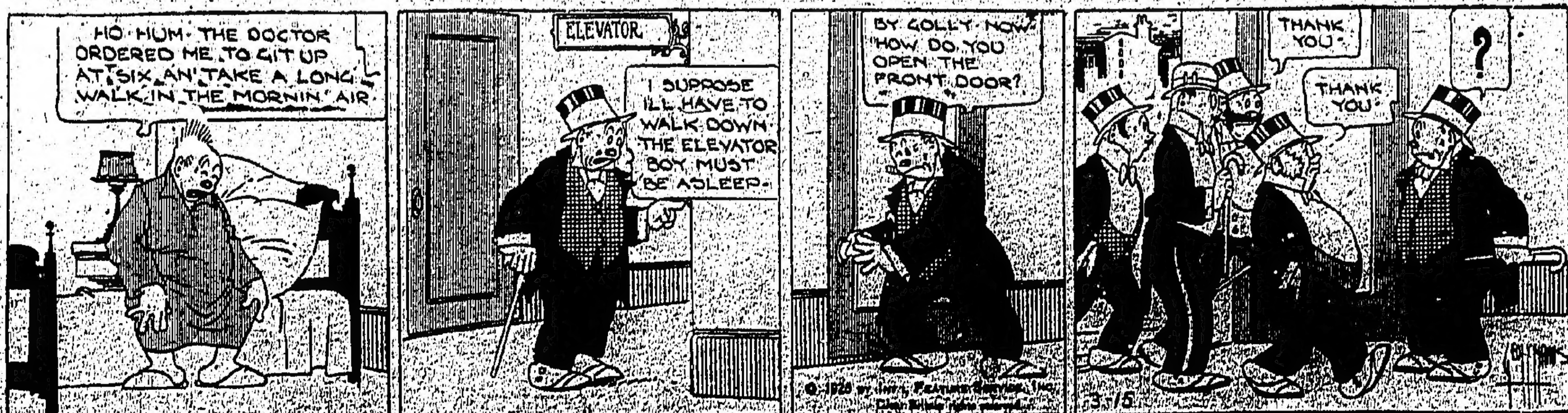


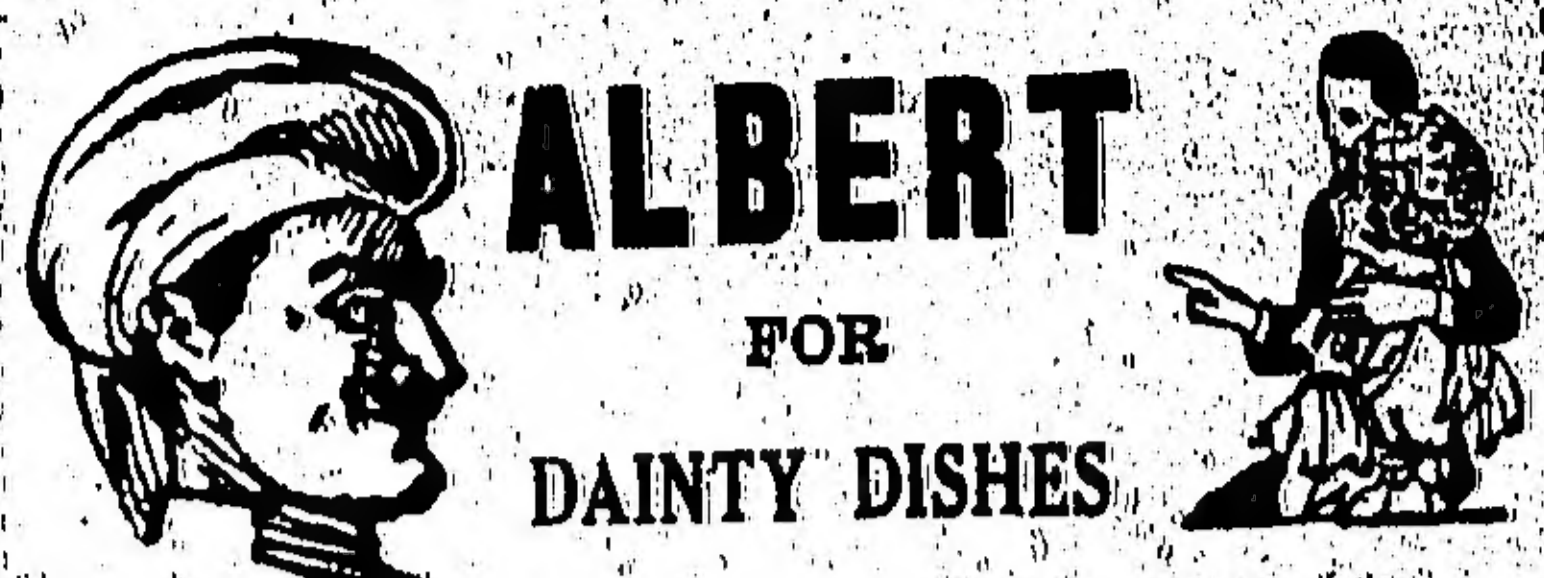
Photo by Lee Fong.

Part of the retinue of twenty-six at last Saturday's Cathedral wedding when Dr. S. F. Tan and Miss Rose Lau were married. This photo was taken outside No. 54, Robinson Road, where the reception was held. The ladies in the group are the Miss Ida H. K. Lau, M. L. Sun, M. K. Sun, Marion Sun, Frances Lau, Irene To, T. K. Wu, W. S. Shu, Mrs. T. H. Chen, Mrs. H. L. Yung, Mrs. C. C. Yung.

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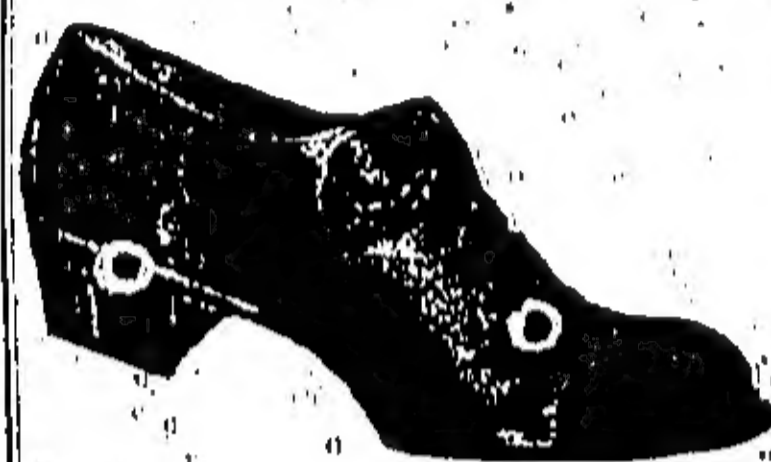
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### HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak .....	1823
Signal Station .....	1774
Mt. Parker .....	1734
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### TSAO KUN.

PRESIDENT WHO BOUGHT HIS POST.

The release of ex-President Tsoo Kun, who has been in prison at Peking since October, 1924, is one of the startling developments of the northern military situation which has resulted in Marshal Wu Pei-fu again acquiring ascendancy.

Tsoo Kun was a member of the Chihli Party, of which Wu Pei-fu is the military genius. A Chihli man by birth, he graduated from the Peiyang military school, and in 1920 he assisted Marshal Chang Tso-lin to smash up the Anfu club. After that, he became Super-Techun of Chihli, Shantung, and Honan, and on October 5, 1924, he was elected to the Presidency of the Republic in one of the most corrupt elections ever held in China.

Not being very popular, although he enjoyed the co-partnership of Wu Pei-fu, Tsoo Kun bought his way to the Presidential chair and men who voted for him did so at the rate of \$5,000 a vote. He was reported at the time to have spent \$10,000,000 to attain the Presidency. One of the first moves of General Feng Yu-shiang, after the coup d'etat which gave him control of Peking in the fighting of autumn, 1924, was to imprison Tsoo Kun in an obscure palace inside the Forbidden City.

The release of Tsoo Kun, says the "Shanghai Times," means the triumph of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, who, foreign political prognosticators said, would certainly stage a "come-back" as he is too big a man to hold down.

### LIBEL BY WIRELESS.

FIRST SUIT IN AMERICA.

The first radio libel case in America is being started here in Chicago.

While listening-in at his home, the Illinois State Attorney, Mr. Crowe, was amazed to hear a wireless announcer from the Moulin Rouge Cabaret declare that Mr. Crowe was amongst the guests of the cabaret, enjoying the music and the companionship of the lady guests.

Mr. Crowe immediately sent out instructions to the police authorities, and a squad of detectives within five minutes had raided the cabaret and made five arrests. The State Attorney announces that he is filing a libel suit against the announcer and the cabaret authorities.

It is probable that Mr. Crowe will not find any statute in the American legal records defining radio libel.

There is, however, a law pending before the United States Congress enabling a libel action to be started for radio mis-statements and defamation of character. Until that law is passed, even the State Attorney will have little chance of success in an action for libel by wireless.

### "JUMBO'S" SPIRITS.

BUDDHIST MASS SAID IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, April 7.

Buddhist mass for the spirits of all the elephants which have supplied ivory for ivory carving in Japan will be said at the Gokoku Temple in Otowa, Koishikawa, on April 15, under the auspices of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association and the Association of Artists in Ivory Carving.

The occasion also will be marked with the dedication of a large monument in the compound of the temple for the spirits of these elephants. The mass will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning, and is expected to draw a crowd of 1,000 dealers in ivory objects and guests. Fifteen priests of the Gokoku temple will begin the programme with the reading of Buddhist prayers.

"We feel that we are greatly indebted to elephants, which have been furnishing the materials for us to carry on our business," said Mr. Kakichi Ikeda, president of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association.

"We who obtain our living from this ivory cannot help feeling grateful to the elephants, which have been furnishing materials for us to work with. It is for this reason that we are going to comfort the spirits of the elephants by holding a mass for them."

"The members of our organisation have been wishing to undertake such a matter for a long time. We think we also do honour and comfort the spirits of our ancestors who were likewise in the ivory trade. When the monument is erected for the spirits of the elephants, we wish all artists and dealers in ivory objects in the country would make pilgrimages to the shrine when they come to Tokyo."—"Shanghai Times."

### SHOW TEETH!

"Show teeth." This is the latest medical inspection order in the Army, and when these words are uttered by dentists the teeth of thousands of soldiers will be examined at Aldershot. Men in every unit in the command will undergo a thorough examination of their teeth.

The good condition of soldiers' teeth has been recognised as an important factor in their health, and instructions dealing with the preservation of the teeth and how to clean them are being circulated in the barracks by the Army authorities.

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Fashionable Lady (to interior decoration expert): "I want you to decorate the under side of all the tables and things in the house. I have just realised that it is really the only view our dear little dog gets of them."

### FIRE IN MENAGERIE.

BIRDS AND MONKEYS SUFFOCATED.

The heaviest loss in animal and bird life recorded in the annals of New York's Fire Department occurred, when a smouldering fire which started in two barrels of sawdust killed 1,000 canaries, 500 love birds, and numerous other birds, as well as 150 monkeys, all pets awaiting purchasers at a well-known animal shop known as "The House of Pets."

The frightened jungle cries of macaws and parakeets first attracted the attention of a policeman passing on his beat, and when the firemen forced their way into the interior of the building they found the rooms filled with helpless animals screaming with fright and striving desperately to get out of their cages, while hundreds of others were already stretched lifeless on their cage floors, having been suffocated by the smoke.

Many of the larger animals, especially the monkeys, made pathetic attempts to bring back their companions to life, and manifested the utmost devotion to them. One baboon, for instance, had to be taken by main force out of the cage where its mate lay dead, while a mother monkey saved the life of her baby by stretching herself over it.

Another heroine was Minnie, the house cat, who carried her three kittens from their hiding place on the third floor to fresh air and safety below.

### FAMOUS WAITER DEAD.

One of London's best-known waiters, Mr. John Bull, of "Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese," Fleet Street, is dead, at the age of sixty. So closely did he resemble in build and ever-beaming countenance the traditional figure of John Bull, that people doubted whether it was his name. But, in truth, it was. He was a Bedfordshire man, and had been a familiar figure at the inn for many years, and his repartee and inventive legend, always at the disposal of American visitors, will long be remembered by them.

Bull used to aver that John Todd, who was a waiter at the "Cheshire Cheese" in 1812, and whose oil-painting is one of the inn's heirlooms, was his grandfather. There was certainly a facial likeness, but the relationship was one of Bull's imaginings. Under his skillful treatment, Dr. Johnson's favourite seat at the table became more than a historic spot. He made it a bringer of luck to all those who sat thereon.

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